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GRAHAM ROBERTS Everton v SPURS

OUR Cup luck finally ran out when we were drawn to meet Everton at Goodison Park in the Fifth Round.

It's the first time we've been drawn out of London since 1980 and I'm sure that Everton will provide us with our toughest test yet in this season's competition.

But it could have been much worse... we could have been travelling to Anfield for a meeting with Liverpool.

I must admit that I heaved a sigh of relief when I heard we'd got Everton because at first I thought we'd been drawn against the League Champions.

I turned my radio on late and only heard the tail-end of the FA Cup draw. The only mention I remember of Spurs was when the commentator said that we faced a trip to Merseyside. I feared the worst. I thought it was Liverpool.

The game against Everton has a special significance for me because I used to support the club when I was a kid. My heroes in those days were Alan Ball, Joy Royle and Jimmy Husband.

Now it's players like Graeme Sharp,

Adrian Heath and Kevin Sheedy who are grabbing the headlines as Howard Kendall tries to recapture the Goodison glory days.

I've never played at Everton, so I'm really looking forward to the game. I'm sure there will be a great atmosphere there.

Tottenham's record in the FA Cup is something the players are fiercely proud of and we'd love to win the trophy for the third year in a row — no team has done that this century.

It's our cup and the onus is on other teams to take it off us.

On a personal note, I've only ever played in one Spurs team that has lost a cup-tie. That was our recent defeat by Second Division Burnley in the Milk Cup.

I'd love to make up for that disappointment by helping the club to Wembley again.

Once you've been to Wembley you want to keep going there. It's gets better every time you play there.

IAN EDWARDS C PALACE v Burnley

WE'RE not planning to give Burnley another Cup celebration in London.

They produced a tremendous result at Tottenham in the Milk Cup last month and appear to have reserved their best performances for the Cup competitions.

But after our win over Birmingham in the last round, we're confident we can reach the Sixth Round for the second successive season.

I wasn't at the club last season, but I know the lads felt they were unfortunate to lose to a late Queen's Park Rangers goal.

So this time they are determined to go at least one better, and the home draw against fellow Second Division side Burnley gives us a great chance to go through.

We've not had the best of League results this year, but

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FRONT COVER CAPTION:
Tottenham's Graham Roberts
hoists the FA Cup last season.
And the Spurs defender has
no intentions of letting it
go...

JIMMY CASE Liverpool v BRIGHTON

THE rest of my Brighton team-mates groaned when they heard the draw, but I was delighted. I can't wait to go back to Liverpool.

I had seven great years there and I love returning to Anfield. The fans always give me a great reception.

Of course we've got the toughest tie of the Fifth Round — Liverpool are the best team in the country.

But I've got happy memories of the last time I went back as a player. We pulled off a shock 1-0 win.

Liverpool have a fantastic record at home, but they are due a fall now and again. We could be the team to do it because it's usually against struggling sides that they come unstuck.

We've got to go into the game with a positive attitude — too often visiting teams are frightened out of it.

Liverpool have won so many games at home that sides going there don't think they stand much of a chance. It's a psychological thing. Their record is built around fear.

A win would be a fantastic result for us, but I'd settle for a draw. I'll have a broad smile on my face if we manage to bring them back to the Goldstone Ground for a replay.

I've only been away from Merseyside for 18 months so the team is very much the same as the one I left.

Since then, however, they've become more fluent. Each player can



Jimmy Case — delighted to go back to Anfield.

step into their team-mates position so easily. They are multi-talented. A defender can step into a strikers role and vice versa.

That makes the opposition's job so much harder because the players are more difficult to mark.

Liverpool are being tipped to win all four trophies this year. That's a very tall order because at the end of the season there's an enormous pile-up of fixtures and that puts tremendous pressure on the players.

There are a lot of pitfalls, but if any team can do it that team will be Liverpool.

I'VE only got past the Fourth Round of the FA Cup once before and that was when I played in the Orient side which reached the Semi-Finals back in 1978.

And it's incredible how similar the two paths are. Like Cambridge, Orient spent the whole season struggling against relegation to the Third Division.

It's as if cup matches provide a safety valve for the players. There isn't the pressure on us to pick up points in our battle for survival and we can go out and enjoy ourselves.

I'm not saying that Cambridge, who've reached the Fifth Round for the first time in their history, can emulate my old team. We've got to be very, very lucky and play out our skins to achieve a place in the last four.

But we do stand a good chance of getting to the Quarter Finals. We're drawn at home to Sheffield Wednesday and we fear no-one at The Abbey Stadium.

Any team is going to struggle against us at our place because we are playing so well there this season. If it wasn't for our disastrous away form we'd be in the top half of the Second Division.

I've always admired Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton. He's achieved nearly everything that's possible in the game.



The Spurs team celebrate after last season's FA Cup Final triumph over QPR. Can they make it three in a row this year?

there were signs against Birmingham that we were getting back to form.

We've had our injury problems. I was out for two months with a fractured cheekbone, and the Birmingham tie was my first full game back, so it was particularly gratifying to score

the winning goal.

Before my injury, Kevin Mabbutt and myself were beginning to find our bearings as a striking partnership. Now I'm back in action, Kevin is on the sidelines.

It would be tremendous for me in my first season at Palace to enjoy a long Cup run.

PETER WITHE ASTON VILLA v Watford

'LADY Luck' has finally smiled on Aston Villa in the FA Cup.

After waiting six years for a home draw we've now had two in a row, so perhaps that means it could be our year in the competition.

I must admit I was more concerned about the home draw than who we were playing. At this stage of the game there are no easy teams left in the hunt.

When the draw was made we didn't know whether we'd be facing Watford or Second Division Fulham, but I'm glad it's Graham Taylor's side.

If we'd have faced Fulham the pressure would have been on us, because everyone would have been talking in terms of the Londoners pulling off a giant-killing act.

Since they were promoted to the First Division Watford have been very successful and are currently on target for a place in Europe.

Their style of play has angered

many critics but I don't see how you can complain about it when it's so obviously effective.

To my way of thinking the more often you get the ball to the forwards the more chance you have of scoring. That's just what Watford do. They try to get the ball to the front men as quickly as possible.

England striker Luther Blissett and John Barnes are two players who have impressed this season. They've both shown themselves to be top class players.

Luther has done particularly well and has proved himself as a consistent goalscorer. He's a player I rate highly.

But I believe that in central defenders Allan Evans and Ken McNaught we've got the players who can stifle Watford. We proved that earlier this season, when we beat them 3-0.

That defeat will make them even more determined to beat us. They'll want revenge and what better way than in the Cup!

THE BEST!

JOE MAYO CAMBRIDGE v Sheffield Wed

In many ways the Hillsborough side are like us. They've got some tall players in defence and are very aggressive.

One piece of good news for us is that their striker Gary Bannister won't be playing. He is suspended for the tie.

Gary is a very dangerous player and he proved that to us when we met in the League earlier this season. He scored twice against us in the 2-2 draw.

We reached the Fifth Round for the first time by beating Barnsley 1-0 and I was lucky enough to score the winner.

In many ways beating Barnsley was a relief, because the Yorkshire team were becoming a bit of bogey side to us. We never seemed to do very well against them.

The fact that we made history by becoming the first Cambridge side to reach this stage didn't occur to us until afterwards.

Cambridge striker Joe Mayo (above right) hoping his team can emulate Orient in the FA Cup and Manchester United's Frank Stapleton (right) ... worried by the trip to Derby.



FRANK STAPLETON Derby v MANCHESTER UTD

DERBY'S boggy Baseball Ground pitch could turn out to be our graveyard on Saturday.

We realise it's going to be a very difficult game and we will be treating Peter Taylor's side with the same respect as we would if it was Liverpool.

When you look at the position of the two sides in the League we've got to be favourites, but the Cup is a great leveller and it's what happens on the day that's important.

Derby have already beaten Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest and Chelsea in the last two rounds and so you can't underestimate them.

I saw their game against Forest on the television and they didn't seem to give the Nottingham lads a look in.

Peter Taylor seems to have a good blend of experience and youth in the side and Archie Gemmill has done a tremendous job.

We will have to keep a close watch on big Dave Swindlehurst and the young lad Kevin Wilson, who scored

both goals in the game against Chelsea.

Their good run in the Cup belies their lowly League position and we are well aware that if we don't approach the game in the right way we could have problems.

But I think if we go out and play our natural, attacking game we can win it.

We had a good win in the last round when we beat Luton at Kenilworth Road and we'll be looking for a similar performance against Derby.

We are having a good run in both domestic cup competitions — having already reached the Semi-Final of the Milk Cup.

And although there is a possibility of a double-Wembley appearance for us this season, I think it's a little premature to start predicting anything.

Our main priority is to qualify for Europe next season — but a couple of trophies on the sideboard would be great.

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Page 22 — Match columnist Graham Rix gives his exclusive views on Arsenal's tie with Middlesbrough.

NEW Sheffield Wednesday signing David Mills looked back on four tortuous years at West Brom and declared: "I'm glad it's all over."

David — Britain's first £500,000 player when he joined Albion from Middlesbrough in 1979 — amassed less than 60 first appearances during his frustrating spell at 'The Hawthorns'.

And this week he talked to 'Match' about his struggle to command a regular place in the First Division side.

"I felt as though I was bashing my head against a brick wall," he recalls. "There were times when I was playing well enough to be in the team but was never selected."

"The annoying thing was that some players, myself included, had to produce more than others to justify selection and that was very unfair."

"On reflection, I wasted four years of my career at Albion, but now I'm trying to put all that behind me and start afresh with Wednesday."

David's £30,000 move to promotion-chasing Wednesday has given him a new lease of life — less than a year after he threatened to turn his back on football altogether.

During a loan spell with Newcastle, he told 'Match': "I'll quit rather than go back to Albion."

And he admits that he came within a whisker of making that decision. "I went on loan to Newcastle with a view to a permanent transfer, but the deal fell through," he says.

"I was very disappointed because I did not want to go back to West Brom — I felt I did not have a future there any more."

"I seriously considered quitting the game because I could not go on like that indefinitely. But after a great deal of thought I decided to give it another try... after all a footballer's career ends soon enough as it is."



FOUR WASTED YEARS

BUT WEDNESDAY RESCUE DAVID MILLS' CAREER

David says there was no animosity between himself and Albion, but declares: "My only grievance was with the former manager Ronnie Allen... we just did not get on."

"In fact, he's probably the only boss I've played under who I was never able to come to terms with. Obviously that made life very difficult for me."

"We had different ideas and different principles and I felt strongly enough to stand by what I thought was right."

David played only a handful of games under Ronnie Allen and spent most of the time training and playing with the reserves. "I was not included in anything whatsoever to do with the first team and so when the chance of a move to Newcastle came along, I was only too happy to take it," he says.

"I knew I could do a good job in the first team and I think I proved that during my spell at St. James' Park."

When a permanent deal fell through, David was resigned to returning to West Brom with the appointment of Ronnie Allen

as general manager and Ron Wylie as team manager, he felt as though his fortunes might change.

"In fairness to the new manager, I was more involved with the first team and thought my career had at last taken an upturn," he says.

"Although I only made a couple of appearances, I felt part of the first team again, whereas I had been left out in the cold when Ronnie Allen was in charge."

"Under Ron Wylie I had no problems whatsoever, but when the chance of a move to Wednesday came along it seemed the ideal opportunity to play regular first team football, which is all I've ever wanted to do."

David says that the move to the Second Division side came right out of the blue. "I reported for training one morning and Ron Wylie told me Jack Charlton was interested in taking me to Wednesday," he recalls.

"I went up to see Jack later the same day and, even before I had spoken to him, I was very much for the move."

"I had the weekend to think things over and there seemed to be no problems whatsoever so I had no hesitation in signing the following week," says David, who played under 'Big Jack' at Middlesbrough.

"Obviously the fact that I knew Jack and had played for him before influenced my decision."

David has signed a contract which will keep him at Wednesday until the end of next season, but he believes that if things work out, he could stay there longer.

"I would like to think I will stay there for some time... it is a great opportunity to play out the last three or four years of my career at a big club."

"It's a great challenge for me and I'm really looking forward to it after the disappointments at West Brom."

"Considering I have been languishing in the reserves for a long time, it is an opportunity for me to pick up the pieces."

"Wednesday are First Division standard and it would be marvellous if I could win promotion with them."



Left: Sheffield Wednesday manager Jack Charlton — he was David's boss at Middlesbrough.



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THE British International Championship kicks off on Wednesday evening at Wembley as England — the reigning Champions — take on Wales. Stoke midfielder star Mike Thomas and England skipper Bryan Robson look forward to the clash.

MIKE England's Welsh Dragons — so often in the shadows of the other home nations — go into next week's game at Wembley determined to steal back some of the glory.

And when you consider their impressive record against England on the hallowed turf — they haven't lost in four visits — they have every chance of shaking off their 'poor relations' tag.

Stoke's Mike Thomas is keen to put one over on his English rivals. "We get a bit fed up because England are always the centre of attention," he says. "But if we can beat them on Wednesday, it will put us in the limelight for a change."

Wales were bitterly disappointed at missing out on the World Cup Finals in Spain, especially as the other countries who contest the British International Championship — England, Scotland and Northern Ireland — all qualified.

But as Mike says: "It has made us even more determined to do well against them this year and prove we should have gone to Spain as well."

Three of the last four meetings between the two countries at Wembley have ended in a draw and, in 1977, Wales won 1-0 with a penalty goal from former Swansea winger Leighton James.

In fact, the Welsh have only lost once in London in the last ten years — 3-0 in 1973.

About their excellent record at Wembley Mike says: "All the Welsh lads love playing against England, especially at Wembley, and tend to raise their game for the big occasion."

"Obviously we are hoping to continue our good run but, even though the England squad will be somewhat depleted, it will be a very difficult game."

The first game in the Championship clashes with the Milk Cup Semi-Final match between Arsenal and Manchester United, so ruling captain Bryan Robson, Steve Coppell, Kenny Sansom and Tony Woodcock out of the England side.

And with the FA Cup 5th round being played on the Saturday before the Welsh game, there could be replays to be staged mid-week, which will deplete Bobby Robson's squad still further.

As it stands at the moment, only one player

Right: Mike Thomas — "We're fed up with England getting all the limelight."

Below: Bryan Robson — he will miss the Wales game because of his involvement in the Milk Cup tie against Arsenal.

FIRE-UP DRAGONS!

from the Luxembourg game — Alvin Martin — is not involved in a cup clash leading up to the Wembley game.

But even though there are likely to be wholesale changes in the England line-up, Mike believes Bobby Robson will still be able to select a very strong team.

"They have got so many other good players to fall back on that, on the night they will still be able to turn out a stronger side than us," he says.

"We have not got a big squad to pick from,

but we are like a club team and know how each other plays — we will certainly give England a good game."

Mike sees the England game as the ideal preparation for Wales' next European Championship match against Bulgaria in April.

"If we play well and get a result against England, it's obviously going to send us into the Bulgaria game with a lot of confidence," says Mike, who has recently fought his way back into the international reckoning.

One of the England players certain to miss the clash is captain Bryan Robson who will be engaged in Milk Cup action for Manchester United.

"It's disappointing for me and the other English players who will miss the game, but it gives Bobby Robson chance to experiment and blood a few new players," he says.

"When you have played in the World Cup and the European Championship, the Home Internationals don't seem so important, but it's always nice to win to maintain our confidence."

"Both sides have done well in recent games and, of course, we beat Luxembourg 3-0 in our last international when Luther Blissett scored a great hat-trick on his debut."

"Tony Woodcock and Sammy Lee have done tremendous jobs in the last few games and, although they could be missing for the game against Wales, I am sure the team Bobby Robson picks will do a good job."

"Wales have got a good record at Wembley and they will make it very difficult for England because they play with so much passion."

"But I think, on the night, England will be too good for them and will win 2-0."



ENGLAND v WALES

PLAYED 95, England won 61, Wales won 13, Drawn 21: Goals: England 237, Wales 88.

England haven't beaten Wales at Wembley for ten years. Three of the last four meetings in London have ended in a draw, while Wales won 1-0 in 1977 with a penalty goal from Leighton James.

So in the past six meetings between the two countries, England have managed to win on two occasions.

PAST TEN YEARS' RESULTS

- 1982 (Cardiff) — Wales 0, England 1 (Francis).
- 1981 (Wembley) — England 0, Wales 0.
- 1980 (Wrexham) — Wales 4 (Thomas, Walsh, James L, Thompson og), England 1 (Mariner).
- 1979 (Wembley) — England 0, Wales 0.
- 1978 (Cardiff) — Wales 1 (Dwyer), England 3 (Latchford, Currie, Barnes).
- 1977 (Wembley) — England 0, Wales 1 (James L, pen).
- 1976 (Cardiff) — Wales 0, England 1 (Taylor).
- 1976 (Wrexham) — Wales 1 (Curtis), England 2 (Kennedy, Taylor).
- 1975 (Wembley) — England 2 (Johnson 2), Wales 2 (Toshack, Griffiths).
- 1974 (Cardiff) — Wales 0, England 2 (Bowles, Keegan).
- 1973 (Wembley) — England 3 (Chivers, Channon, Peters), Wales 0.
- *1973 (Wembley) — England 1 (Hunter), Wales 1 (Toshack).

* World Cup qualifier.



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PLYMOUTH winger Andy Rogers receives Match Weekly's Third Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for December from club coach Martin Harvey.

Looking on are Plymouth players Chris Harrison, Gordon Nisbet and skipper Geoff Cradgington.

SUNDAY PRAYERS!

BRIGHTON'S agreement to figure in the first-ever Sunday match at Anfield in 91 years, has prompted caustic comments about them seeking divine help on the Sabbath in their FA Cup Fifth Round clash.

But the First Division strugglers counter the cynics by underlining the fact that they were the last team to win at Anfield way back in March last year by courtesy of an own goal.

However, you have to turn the clock back eight years to discover Liverpool's last domestic cup defeat at Anfield.

That was at the hands of Middlesbrough in a League Cup Fourth Round tie on November 12, 1974 which was settled by a Willie Maddren goal.

And in the Middlesbrough side that night was none other than current Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness.

Since then, Liverpool have put together an unbeaten home run of 35 League and FA Cup ties.

A total of 23 have come in the League Cup and 12 in the F.A. Cup, and only eight teams - Crystal Palace, Burnley, West Brom, Coventry, Nottingham Forest, Manchester City, Barnsley and Ipswich have come away with a draw.

In the course of the 2-0 Fourth Round victory over Stoke at Anfield, Scottish striker Kenny Dalglish scored the 300th senior goal of his career.

A total of 203 came in 431 League appearances for Celtic and Liverpool, the remainder coming in domestic and European cup competitions.

■ MARTIN Thomas, the Bristol Rovers goalkeeper who recently turned down a move to Tottenham after a disagreement over terms, is now with Third Division Southen on a month's loan.

■ NORWEGIAN international defender Einar Aas is back at Nottingham Forest after two months of treatment in his home country. He has been out of action since November 1981 with ankle and pelvic problems.

BIG FRANK — EUROPE'S BEST STRIKER

MANCHESTER United's Frank Stapleton is still the best striker in Europe.

That's the opinion of his former Arsenal striking partner Alan Sunderland, despite Frank's recent lean spell at Old Trafford.

Alan, who is now forging a new partnership at Highbury with Tony Woodcock, says:

"Frank will never be down for long. He does not rely on any particular quality to keep him on top.

"He has immense all-round ability and his supporters do not exaggerate when they call him the best centre forward in Europe."

● MEANWHILE United are still keeping a sharp eye on Ipswich's transfer-listed striker Alan Brazil, who was recently dropped into the reserves.

Although the Frank Stapleton/Norman Whiteside partnership at United has shown signs of blossoming, manager Ron Atkinson is carefully watching developments at Portman Road.

"I have not entirely cooled my interest in Alan," says the Old Trafford boss, "And should Ipswich lower their £750,000 asking price between now and the end of the season I would be interested."

LUTON LEARN TO BE FALL GUYS!

BALLET-type movements to music and martial arts training could soon become an accepted part of the professional footballers' weekly routine.

West ham, Luton and Middlesbrough have already introduced rhythmic training to their weekly schedule, and other clubs are experimenting with the idea.

It all stems from former Wolves footballer Roger Spry who runs a Birmingham concern called 'Maximum Performance' which specialises in this type of training.

He explains: "There are a lot of training aspects from other sports that can be related to football.

"Rhythmic movements to a beat can help a players' balance and poise, and martial art techniques can help a player's balance and

"The reaction from the players I have dealt with has been tremendous. They are beginning to realise that their skills can be

enhanced by their fitness and flexibility.

"The top players in Brazil, for instance, have yoga sessions daily as well as doing ballet movements.

"People inside the game were rather sceptical at first, but I'm getting more and more interest from League clubs."



Frank Stapleton — 'the best striker in Europe', according to Arsenal's Alan Sunderland.

● LOOK out the name Darren McLean in future Liverpool sides.

Manager Bob Paisley has just paid a Scottish Highland League record fee of £25,000 for the 17-year-old Inverness Thistle midfielder player.

The Lincoln-born youngster was set to join the RAF, but the Liverpool boss convinced him he had a future in football.



Bob Hazell, the QPR defender who fears that suspension might cost him first team football.

BIG Bob Hazell, who has missed Queens Park Rangers' last two League games because of suspension, harbours a secret fear that he may well have played his last senior game of the season.

"With the competition for places so fierce at Rangers, I'm terrified that having been out of the side, I won't get back in again," he says.

"I feel I've been playing probably the best football of my career, but that's no guarantee of getting an automatic recall."

It's not the first time that the former Wolves defender has voiced fears over his future at Loftus Road.

After playing in last season's F.A. Cup Final replay, he announced that with the return of Steve Wicks, he felt he'd probably played his last game for the club.

But an injury to Steve gave him his chance this season, and he's been regularly turning in impressive performances.

"I love it here, and I believe the club has a tremendous future," says Bob.

"So I want to stay and fight for my place again. But I know just how hard a fight that's going to be."

HAMMERS HEAD FOR EUROPE

WEST Ham goalkeeper Phil Parkes is adamant that the current Hammers' side is the best he's played in.

"I've been with the club four years, and this is the best side we've had during that time," says the former Queen's Park Rangers 'keeper.

"All we need now is to add just a little more consistency to our play, and we could go a long, long way.

"A spate of injuries at the wrong time resulted in us suffering exits from both cup competitions, but at least it allows us to concentrate all our attention on the League.

"Actually taking the title is beyond us this season, of course, although at one stage we were in strong contention.

"Winning a place in Europe is a real possibility, though. And that's what we've all got our sights firmly fixed on now."

■ **TWO** more Football League players have joined the exodus to Hong Kong.

Brighton full back Don Shanks and Middlesbrough's Northern Ireland international winger Terry Cochrane have joined Eastern, managed by former England skipper Bobby Moore.

SECRET FEAR HAUNTS HAZELL

REDS' SWEET SIXTEEN

UP to the end of last month, struggling Birmingham had used more players in League matches this season than any other side in the First Division.

The debut of former Liverpool striker Howard Gayle in the 1-0 defeat at Anfield took their tally to 27.

That was two more than injury-hit Tottenham and five more than Everton and Norwich. Then came Manchester City and Swansea on the 21-mark.

At the other end of the scale, champions and runaway leaders Liverpool had used only 16.

● **WHAT** an up and down 24 hours West Brom defender Clive Whitehead had during the F.A. Cup Fourth Round weekend.

On the Friday his wife gave birth to twins, he then put West Brom in front at Tottenham only to be carried off with a foot injury before Spurs dumped his side out of the Cup.

● **LONG**-service forward Murray Brodie chalked up a record 451st senior appearance for Aldershot in last month's goalless draw at Peterborough.

● **TOTTENHAM'S** White Hart Lane ground will be the setting on Sunday, May 22, for the Final of the European Youth Championships which is being staged on 26 League grounds at the end of this season.

● **ENGLAND** manager Bobby Robson will be pitting his wits against his predecessor during the summer tour of Australia.

For Ron Greenwood has accepted an invitation to visit Australia in May to help them prepare for their three internationals against England.

He will also help coach Australia's national youth squad and organise clinics for coaches.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

| Out | MAY | In |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Peter Morris | Peterborough | Martin Wilkinson |
| | JUNE | |
| George Mulhall | Bolton | John McGovern |
| Alan Mullery | Charlton | Ken Craggs |
| Jimmy Frizzell | Oldham | Joe Royle (July) |
| Steve Kember | Crystal Palace | Alan Mullery |
| Allan Clarke | Leeds | Eddie Gray |
| | JULY | |
| Bobby Robson | Ipswich | Bobby Ferguson |
| Jock Wallace | Leicester | Gordon Milne (Aug) |
| Ronnie Allen | West Brom | Ron Wylie |
| | AUGUST | |
| Ian Greaves | Wolves | Graham Hawkins |
| | SEPTEMBER | |
| Frank Lord | Hereford | Tommy Hughes (Oct) |
| Bobby Murdoch | Middlesbrough | Malcolm Allison |
| | OCTOBER | |
| Arfon Griffiths | Crewe | Peter Morris (Nov) |

| Out | NOVEMBER | In |
|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| John Newman | Derby | Peter Taylor |
| Peter Anderson | Millwall | George Graham (Dec) |
| Cliff Sear | Chester | John Sainty |
| Ken Craggs | Charlton | position vacant |
| Roy MacFarland | Bradford | Trevor Cherry (Dec) |

| Out | DECEMBER | In |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Mike Bailey | Brighton | caretaker manager |
| David Webb | Bournemouth | caretaker manager |

| Out | JANUARY | In |
|--------------|------------|-------------------|
| Allan Hunter | Colchester | caretaker manager |
| Brian Miller | Burnley | Frank Casper |
| Stuart Boam | Mansfield | Ian Greaves (Feb) |

NOTE: Frank O'Farrell of Torquay has been replaced as team manager by Bruce Rioch, but remained with the club as general manager (June).

Jimmy Sirrel of Notts County became general manager in August and was replaced as team boss by Howard Wilkinson.

SUBBUTEO SHOWDOWN

CHELTENHAM'S Leisureland hosts the South West England Regional Finals of the 1983 Match Weekly/Subbuteo National Championships... and you can win a FREE mystery prize!

All you have to do is take along this issue of 'Match' — or just this cutting — to qualify for your prize.

The finals take place on Saturday (February 19) starting at 10.30am and finishing at about 4pm.

Spectators are welcome. So why not go along... and collect that free prize!



Above: Paul Cooper (left) and Eric Gates pose with the young 'keepers who contested the Penalty King final.

Right: Young Andrew Rowe shows the style which won him the 'Penalty King' plaque in the junior section.

Below: Sixteen-year-old Martin Dwyer, winner of the senior section, receives his 'Penalty King' plaque from Ipswich striker Eric Gates.



MATCH WEEKLY PENALTY KING COMPETITION 1982

SUPER SAVERS!

PENALTIES are normally a goalkeeper's nightmare, but 26 budding stars revelled in the pressure and tension of the sudden death situation during the 'Match Weekly Penalty King' competition.

The young 'keepers came from as far away as Australia to take part in the competition which was held at the National Goalkeeping Centre, Ipswich.

And there they faced a series of penalties from a man normally on the receiving end of the spot-kicks — Ipswich Town 'keeper Paul Cooper.

Paul, who together with Kit Carson, formed the goalkeeping school four years ago, was certainly impressed with the young 'keepers, many of whom have already had trials with top clubs.

Says Paul: "It is the second year we have staged the competition and the standard was very good — probably higher than last year.

"There were a lot of good 'keepers there and some excellent prospects."

Goalkeeping courses were held at the centre throughout last summer and at the end of each week a penalty competition was held. All the winners were invited to take part in the final and bid to become Penalty King of 1982.

The competition was divided into two sections — juniors (up to 15 years old) and seniors (16 and over).

And the winners, who received a special plaque and 'Match Weekly' T-shirts were: Andrew Rowe (13), of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Martin Dwyer, of Ruthin, Clwyd.

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THE GRAEME SOUNESS COLUMN

THE Liverpool skipper gives his exclusive views on his club's FA Cup clash with Brighton.

BRIGHTON were the last team to beat Liverpool at Anfield so we'll be treading very carefully when they come up here for the FA Cup Fifth Round.

The South coast side won 1-0 at Anfield last season thanks to a goal from Andy Ritchie and we're determined not to give them any cause for celebration this time round.

We beat them 3-1 earlier in the season but, as they've proved, League form counts for

nothing in the FA Cup.

They are currently struggling at the wrong end of the First Division and yet their form in this competition has been very good.

I was very impressed by the way they took Manchester City apart 4-0 in the previous round. They didn't look like a side that has relegation worries.

Eire striker Michael Robinson got two goals against his old club and he's a player who will always cause defenders trouble.

In many ways he reminds me of our own David Hodgson. He's big and strong and will always give 100 per cent.

Our Cup clash with Brighton sees the return to Anfield of former Liverpool favourite Jimmy Case and I'm looking forward to meeting up with him again.

We all know what he can do on the field. Jimmy is a very dangerous player who's capable of scoring spectacular goals from anywhere in the opposition half.

Central defender Steve Foster is another player I rate very highly indeed and I'm sure that if he'd played with a bigger, more glamorous club he'd have picked up more England caps than he has.

I wasn't really worried who we drew because there aren't any easy games when you get to this stage of the competition. The most you can hope for is a home tie and I'm thankful that's what we've got.

Of the other ties in the Fifth Round, I can't honestly see any shocks, although I think Manchester United could find the going tough at Second Division Derby.

I certainly wouldn't have relished the trip to the Baseball Ground at the present time. Following their Cup successes against Nottingham Forest and Chelsea, the players will be eager to add another top scalp to their collection.

Although I can't see United going out of the competition, I think they'll have to be satisfied with a draw and finish the business at Old Trafford.

Our Merseyside rivals Everton have a very tough tie at home to Tottenham but I'm sure they must be confident of beating the current FA Cup holders.

Since we won there 5-0 earlier in the season, Everton have strung together some very good home results and they'll be very difficult to beat at Goodison Park.

Every week now seems to bring some



Brighton striker Michael Robinson — a player who will always cause defenders trouble.

involvement in a different cup competition and I was very pleased with our 3-0 win over Burnley in the first leg of the Milk Cup Semi-Final.

The way they played at Anfield really impressed me. I can't understand why they are struggling at the bottom of the Second Division.

They gave us as good a game as anyone else has at Anfield and I feel they were a little unlucky not to have taken the lead. They had a couple of good chances early on.

But we managed to ride the storm and I got the all important early goal just before half-time. It was a bit lucky. The ball took a deflection before hitting the back of the net.

That goal was my eighth of the season and



I'd have happily settled for that tally at the beginning of the campaign.

The most spectacular must be the goal I hit against Luton at Kenilworth Road in the previous game. The ball fell just right for me after a one-two and I struck it from outside the box.

To be honest, I don't really worry that much about scoring goals and a simple tap-in gives me as much pleasure as a cracking volley from a long way out.

The most important thing to me is winning and I don't care who scores the goals as long as it's a Liverpool player.

The game against Luton was very difficult for us and we had to change tactics at half-time to combat the muddy conditions.

Instead of playing our normal short passing game, we concentrated on playing long balls up front. It was very un-Liverpool but we felt we were getting bogged down in the middle of the park.

The change of plan worked out just right for us and we collected another three points in a 3-1 win thanks to goals from myself, Alan Kennedy and Ian Rush.

The first week in March sees Liverpool back in European Cup action with a tough Quarter-Final first leg tie against the Polish side Widzew Lodz.

I don't know a great deal about them as a side and I've never played in Poland, but they won't be an easy team to beat. Manchester United can testify to that because they were defeated by them a couple of years back in the UEFA Cup.

It's going to be a marathon trip for us. I hear that after a long plane flight, there's a three-hour coach journey before we get to our hotel.

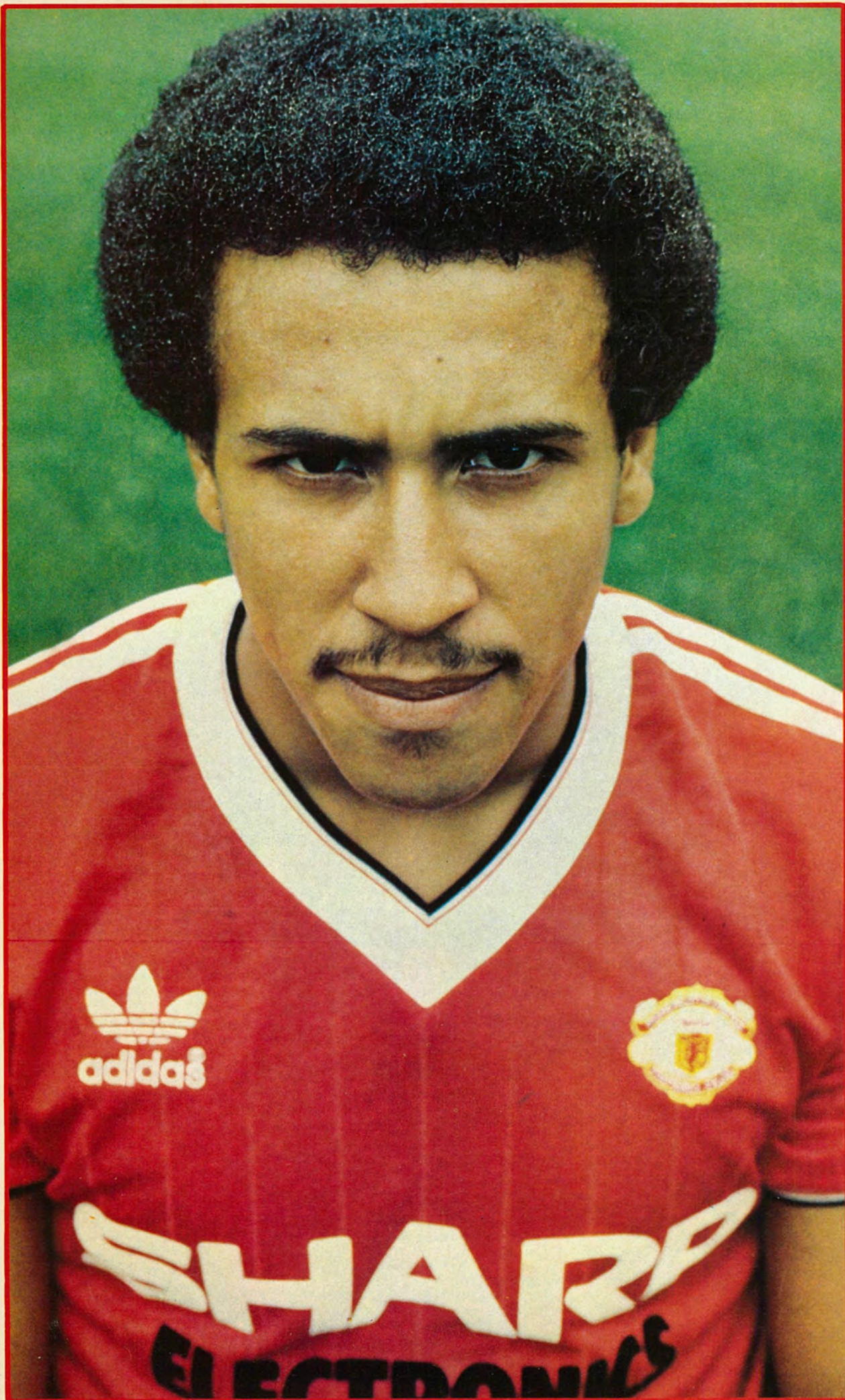
Still it will all be worthwhile if we came back with a good result and a chance of reaching the Semi-Finals.

● Graeme Souness was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

Derby County



Back row (left to right) — Ian Dalziel, Bobby Davison, Glen Skivington, Paul Blades, Tony Reid, Gary Mills.
 Middle row — Mick Jones (coach), Kevin Wilson, John Richards, John Barton, John McAlle, Steve Cherry, Dave Swindlehurst, George Foster, Steve Buckley, Roy McFarland (team manager), Gordon Guthrie (physio).
 Front row — Mike Brolly, Brian Attley, Peter Taylor (manager), Archie Gemmill, Andy Hill, Ken Gutteridge (chief scout). Inset: Paul Fletcher.



REMI MOSSES
MANCHESTER UNITED



Right: Coventry goalkeeper Les Sealey turns away in disbelief as Norwich winger Mark Barham celebrates on the ground the own goal that earned the Canaries a 2-1 FA Cup victory. Keith Bertschin is about to join in the celebrations.

CANARIES ON SONG!

BARHAM PREDICTS DEFEAT FOR IPSWICH

THE television cameras denied young Mark Barham the chance to become the toast of Norwich for the second successive game.

At first it seemed that the winger had scored the extra-time winner against Coventry in the Fourth Round.

But television replays of the crucial goal showed it was Coventry full back Brian Roberts who had lobbed the ball into his own net under pressure from the tiny Mark.

"I tried to claim the goal, although deep down I knew it was Brian Roberts who had got the

final touch," admits Mark who joined Norwich from school five years ago.

"Brian had flattened me as I chested down Dave Watson's long ball into the Coventry penalty area, and I was on the floor when the ball dropped into the net.

"Brian asked me afterwards whether I was going to claim it, but I told him he could have it as he didn't score that many.

"I know that manager Ken Brown gave me the goal in an interview afterwards, but television proved that Brian scored it.

"But I don't care because it doesn't matter who scores as long as the team wins."

But young Mark, who has been a regular now for the past two seasons, was the hero a few days earlier with the goal that earned brave Norwich a replay.

There were just three minutes left when Mark latched on to Gerry

Francis' back-pass to snatch a dramatic equaliser at Highfield Road.

"That was the most important goal of my career," he says.

"I thought we were out of the Cup when Coventry went two goals up, but the lads showed tremendous spirit and courage to battle back.

"The fact that Coventry scored after just three minutes in the replay probably helped us because it gave us an early kick up the backside.

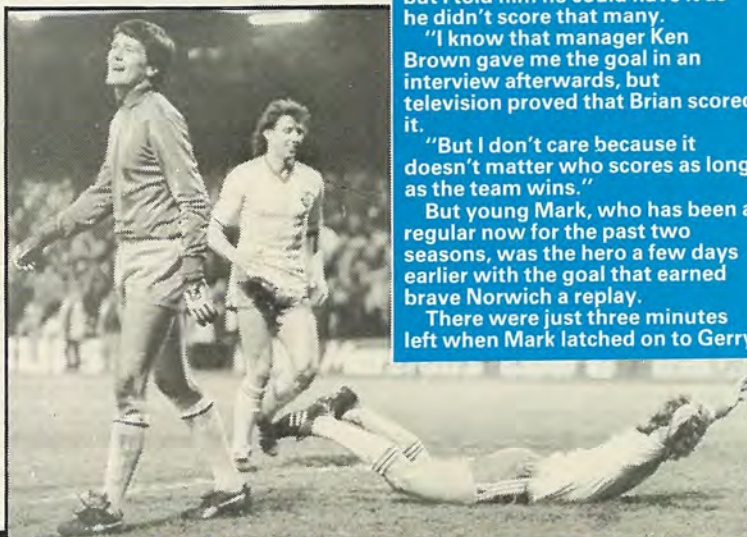
"The loss of skipper Martin O'Neill with a broken arm only made us more determined. We'll miss Martin against Ipswich because he is a very creative player, but I still believe we can topple them.

"They've got a lot of good players, but we beat them 3-2 at Ipswich on Boxing Day, and I see no reason why we can't repeat it.

"A Cup run is good for the club's finances, but the players desperately want to stay in the First Division.

"I feel we are better than a lot of teams in the division, but it's a question of being consistent.

"But a victory over Ipswich will give us that extra boost for our relegation battle."



ALL THE WAY TO WEMBLEY

WE'RE singing our way to Wembley with the chirpy Canaries from Norwich.

After their thrilling Fourth Round extra-time victory over Coventry, the First Division side find themselves Match Weekly's adopted team in our intriguing series 'All the way to Wembley'.

And East Anglian football fans are bubbling over in anticipation of Norwich's home clash this weekend with Ipswich, a local derby that promises to be one of the ties of the Fifth Round.

It's 21 years since the teams met in FA Cup combat and, on that occasion, Norwich triumphed 2-1 after a 1-1 stalemate.

But Norwich's trips to the heady heights of the Cup have been few and far between.

They've reached the Semi-Finals once, back in 1959 when as a Third Division side they lost to Luton Town in a replay.

Since then, they have only ever reached the Sixth Round on one occasion, losing to Leicester twenty years ago.

And, while Ipswich can point to an FA Cup triumph at Wembley in 1968, Norwich's recent record in the competition pales into insignificance.

Six times in the past ten seasons they have fallen at the first hurdle, and they have only reached the Fifth Round twice prior to this campaign.

They bowed out to a Cyrille Regis special at West Brom last season and, before that, were surprisingly beaten by Bradford City back in 1976.

'MY ENGLAND AMBITION' — CHRIS WOODS

NORWICH goalkeeper Chris Woods sees the East Anglian showdown as the chance to re-establish himself as a serious contender for a place in the England squad.

"I feel I'm playing as well this season as at any time in my career, certainly as well as when I won the first of my five England Under-21 caps back in 1979," says Chris, who was understudy to England's Peter Shilton at Nottingham Forest.

"Unfortunately, because we've been struggling for most of the season, I haven't attracted the kind of attention I might have got had we been at the other end of the table.

"But if we can defeat Ipswich, then a lot more people might sit up and take more notice of us, and maybe then I'll find myself in the spotlight a little more.

"I picked up so much by being at the same club as Peter Shilton. Now I want to show Bobby Robson that I could be the successor to the man I still rate as the world's number one."

Chris, a £250,000 signing from QPR in 1981, believes Norwich can go all the way to Wembley where he made a spectacular senior debut for Forest in the 1978 League Cup Final against Liverpool.

"It's an old saying in soccer that a team has its name on the Cup from the start," he says.

"That could be the case where we're concerned. We came from behind to beat Swansea in the Third Round, recovered from 2-0 down to get a draw at

Coventry, and then won in extra-time after being a goal down inside three minutes of the replay.

"So we won't worry too much if Ipswich go in front. It could be a good omen."

HOW THEY GOT THERE

THIRD ROUND: Swansea (home) 2-1 — Bertschin 2.

FOURTH ROUND: Coventry (away) 2-2 — Hareide, Barham.

REPLAY: Coventry (home) 2-1 aet — Bertschin, Roberts og.

NORWICH'S FA CUP RECORD OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS

1972-73: Third Round: — lost to Leeds.
1973-74: Third Round: — lost to Arsenal.
1974-75: Third Round: — lost to Coventry.
1975-76: Fifth Round: — lost to Bradford City.
1976-77: Third Round: — lost to Leeds.
1977-78: Third Round: — lost to Orient.
1978-79: Third Round: — lost to Leicester.
1979-80: Fourth Round: — lost to Wolves.
1980-81: Fourth Round: — lost to Man. City.
1981-82: Fifth Round: — lost to West Brom.

ASTON Villa's form this season may have lacked the sparkle of that champagne night of European Cup glory last season, but for one player the indifferent spell has been a blessing in disguise.

It's resulted in a belated chance for 23-year-old goalkeeper Nigel Spink, who has finally unseated the faithful Jimmy Rimmer after a patient five and a half year wait.

And now the £6,000 buy from Chelmsford is in line for his second successive European Cup Final appearance, after less than a dozen first team games!

It was in last year's 1-0 Final victory over Bayern Munich that young Nigel stepped out of the shadows to become the hero of the hour after substituting for the injured Rimmer inside the first six minutes.

But at the start of the season Nigel was back in the reserves playing before a handful of people.

"I was quite prepared to wait until towards the end of the season before I got a run in the first team," he says.

"But, with the team having a bad time after the World Club Championship defeat by Penarol in December, the manager decided to give me a run now.



RIGHT: Nigel Spink has dislodged a downhearted Jimmy Rimmer (above) from the number one goalkeeping slot at Aston Villa.



'I'VE WON OVER THE VILLA FANS' — NIGEL SPINK

"It's worked out well and Tony Barton's kept me in the team. The bad run by the team has been a blessing for me.

"Initially, I think the manager wanted to give me a feel of the first team, possibly in readiness for next season, but at the moment I think I'm in the team on merit.

"Obviously Jimmy took the brunt of the criticism for the team's poor performances around Christmas, but if I keep playing well, then I think I'll keep him out.

"My confidence is bursting at the moment. I'm getting more and more confident with every game. I think I have gradually come out of my shell, and I'm now more relaxed and able to play my normal game.

"I still think that I can improve, but that's through lack of experience and not ability. There are a hell of a lot of grounds that I've not played at and they're all going to be new experiences for me."

One of Nigel's first tasks after replacing such a favourite as Jimmy was to win over the crowd.

"Jimmy always had a good rapport with the crowd because he was so consistent," says Nigel.

"I want to be as consistent as him and I want to be just as close to the crowd. I think I'm lucky. If I hadn't played in the European Cup Final and come up trumps, then they might have been a bit wary.

"But they gave me a tremendous reception in my first League appearance at Villa Park and they've backed me ever since.

"I've won a big battle there because it can easily go one way or the other. If a player is not taken to the hearts of the fans, then they can soon sort him out and get rid of him. They're very influential.

"I think Bruce Grobbelaar is a great crowd-puller. I love to see his unique brand of showmanship. At the start it affected his game, but now he's mixed up the two and he's got a good balance. He can still have a laugh with the crowd and still do a good job.

"I would pick Bruce as the best at the moment. He's got all around ability and strength in all departments. I admire him for what he's doing.

"You always look up to Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan. Then there are 'keepers coming through like Gary Bailey, Chris Turner and Peter Fox.

"I enjoy watching other goalkeepers in action and I admit I'm very critical when goals go in, but I'm also very critical of myself sometimes."

Nigel may be new to the First Division, but he's already the possessor of a European Cup, Charity Shield, World Club Championship and European Super Cup medals.

"But I'd love to play for England. Just to pull on the jersey has got to be every player's ambition. But, above all that, I want to play regular football in the First Division with Aston Villa.

"I'd be more than happy to do that for the rest of my career."



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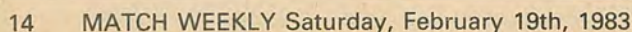
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Entries must reach us by Friday, February 25 and the results will be announced in our March 12 issue.

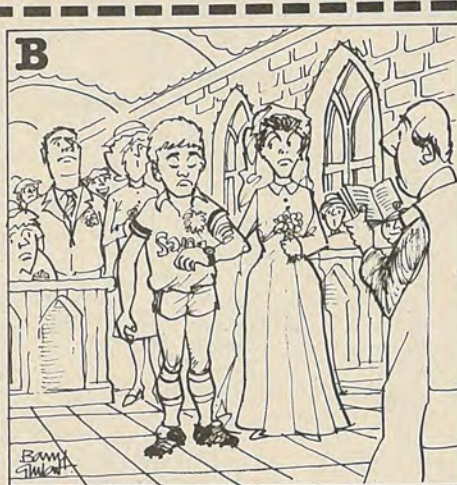
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SOLUTIONS

PLAYER MUDDLE: John Barnes (Watford).
MATCH EM UP: 1/c: 2/d: 3/b: 4/e: 5/a.
STOP THE ACTION: It's Ipswich against Liverpool at Portman Road, and the player scoring is Liverpool's Terry McDermott in the 2-0 win.
FA CUP TEASER: 1 Peter Withe; 2 Kevin Wilson; 3 Jan Lohman; 4 Ian Edwards; 5 Mike Robinson; 6 Terry Gibson.



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FA CUP TEASER

IT'S FA Cup Fifth Round time this weekend, but how good is your memory of the Fourth Round?

- 1 Who scored Aston Villa's winner against Wolves?
- 2 Name the Derby striker who downed Chelsea?
- 3 Who was the Watford sub who saved his side against Fulham?
- 4 Who was the Crystal Palace match winner against Birmingham?
- 5 Who shot down his former club with two goals for Brighton?
- 6 Who scored Tottenham's winner against West Brom?

Name the player below and you have the answer to question four.



FORMER Sheffield United and Watford manager Ken Furphy worked with the biggest names in football during his time in America. Now he tells all... exclusively to 'Match'.

I HAD so many players over thirty in my Team America squad for the 1974 Bi-Centennial games that it was almost like managing 'Dad's Army.'

But it was an enjoyable experience even though George Best and Rodney Marsh both failed to turn up for the opening game against Italy, and I spent one afternoon in a Seattle laundrette washing the kit before facing Brazil.

My appointment as head coach of Team America came after I had managed the England Under-23 team on their tour to Yugoslavia, Turkey and France.

I had been very privileged to accept from Sir Alf Ramsey, the position of team manager to the England U-23s. I really enjoyed the experience but, regrettably, Sir Alf had resigned while we were on tour and, on my return, it was Joe Mercer who phoned me for a report on the performances of the players.

Don Revie's appointment as England manager later that year put an end to my services although he never phoned to tell me that I was no longer required. I had no idea at the time that within two years I would be going to the opposite extreme by accepting the post of head coach of Team America.

I say opposite because on reflection the England team was composed of all the young and promising English players and Team America turned out to be a team composed of Englishmen, Scotsmen, Welsh, Brazilian, Italian, Peruvian, Dutch, Polish, German, Irish and American players with the majority over thirty years old. It really had a 'Dads Army' look about it!

Some weeks before the announcement was made, I arrived in San Antonio for a scheduled game to find a message from our front office telling me to catch the 7am plane back to New York for an interview for the position with Team America.

The journey took me about four hours, a limousine collected me at the airport and deposited me at the Empire State building. By 4pm I was back on the plane for San Antonio and having dinner there at 8pm. I had just flown several thousand miles for a half-hour interview.

The journey hadn't been wasted because it did give me the opportunity later to meet up with many of the world's greatest players, even if they were mostly past their best.

A week of trials were held in New York where, assisted by Eddie Firmani I selected a squad of players for the three games against Italy in Washington, Brazil on the West Coast and then back to Philadelphia for the final game against England.

I wasn't impressed with Rodney Marsh's attitude at the trials and, with George Best not turning up, I did not select either of them in the squad that I submitted to supreme Phil Woosnam.

Publicity-wise this was obviously a mistake and Phil included them in the final pool of 18.

I can tell you he wasn't too pleased when both players failed to turn up for the first game in Washington. An angry phone conversation with Rodney didn't change matters and George was unobtainable.

This was a blow to the team selection at such a late stage, but Dennis Viollet, then coach at Washington, loaned me a couple of forwards to make up our bench strength.

Several political decisions with the team selection had to be agreed upon and it was



KEN FURPHY'S

AMERICA

I SERVED WITH DAD'S ARMY...



Mike England... my centre-forward against Italy!

decided to play two Americans — Bob Smith at right-back and Bob Rigby in goal. I was quite happy about this as both players were with me at Cosmos and I knew their capabilities and could include that knowledge in my team strategy. On paper, we certainly had some impressive names.

Obviously Pele was our main drawing card but he was well supported by Georgio Chinaglia, the Italian international, Bobby Moore, the former England skipper, Dave Clements, still at that time the Northern Ireland player-manager and Tommy Smith from Liverpool.

As it turned out, I included another American at left-back, a youngster called Chandler.

Despite his inexperience, he was to have a really outstanding three games and in him I could see some future for the development of the truly American player. Sadly he was to suffer a broken leg playing for Tampa Bay the following year and despite many brave attempts he was eventually forced to give up the game.

My only concern about the game was that we could not afford to get involved, to use an American expression, in a 'footrace'.

We just didn't have the legs to do that and we had to rely on the tremendous experience we had at our disposal by playing together as a complete unit until we reached shooting positions.

As it turned out, we found the game quite easy in the early stages and this lulled the players into a false sense of adventure and, with the defence stretched on a quick break, our goalkeeper had to foul to prevent a certain goal. We ended up losing 4-0 which, on the surface, wasn't too encouraging but on the run of the play flattered the Italian side.

Mike England, now the Welsh team manager, turned up out of the blue at Seattle where we were taking on the Brazilians.

Despite losing an early goal we dominated the game so much that I switched Mike to centre-forward for the last twenty minutes to try

for the equaliser.

The goal just would not come and right at the death we conceded a second goal.

Pele, still under pretty strong criticism for leaving his native Brazil, requested to be left out of the game against his own country. I acceded to this request and, if he had played, I felt we might just have pulled off a surprise victory.

None of the English players had that problem when we faced England in Philadelphia two days later. Stewart Scullion, of Watford fame, scored the only goal Team America managed in the three games in our 3-1 defeat. Again the team performed really well and it took a slip from Tommy Smith to set up England's opening goal.

Of course there were problems.

- The hotel in Washington was a disgrace and I moved the players out at ten o'clock at night to the hotel where the officials were staying. I don't think that went down too well.

- The grass at Washington was in two lengths. Down the centre was the short Bermuda grass but down the wings it was at least six inches long. A promise to cut the grass before the match wasn't carried out.

- The equipment manager had to leave for a hurried trip back to New York where his wife had just presented him with their first child. The reason for the haste was that the hospital would not allow the mother and child to go home without the bill being paid first.

- No arrangements had been made to wash the kit so, in Seattle, the physio and I patiently washed it in a nearby laundrette. Now that was an education with so many different nationalities using the facilities late at night.

Still, I really enjoyed meeting and working with those wonderful players and I suppose it's not too often that one coach has managed both England and America.

I think I'm the only one!

MY ITALIAN JOB

ENGLAND exile Trevor Francis has only one regret about his £1 million transfer to Sampdoria — he wishes he'd signed a longer contract.

When the former-Manchester City star joined the Italian club soon after the World Cup Finals, he resisted the financial temptation of a long-term contract.

From his luxury home in Genoa, Trevor told 'Match' about his secret fear that things would not work out for him in Italy.

"It was something completely new to both myself and my family

and obviously we didn't know how we would adapt to the new life-style," he says.

"I only signed a two-year contract because I thought, if I was not a success, it was not such a long time to waste.

"But after only six months and despite all the problems with injury, I wish I had signed for three years because I like it so much."

Trevor is currently fighting his way back to full fitness following a groin injury, which has effectively kept him out of the game since September.

And he believes he could be

by Trevor Francis

back in action within a couple of weeks. "I can't wait to start playing again and prove to the club and the fans that I'm worth the £1 million Sampdoria paid for me," he says.

"The problem was that the muscle in my groin had completely wasted away and it has taken a long time to rebuild it.

"It has been frustrating for me because Sampdoria paid Manchester City a lot of money and I feel as though I am letting them down.

"The injury could not have come at a worse time because when you join a new club you have a lot to prove. At least I was able to play a few games at the start of the season and show the people what I could do."

Two months ago, Trevor was angered by reports in the press which suggested that his injury had cleared up and the problem was "all in the mind".

"That upset me a great deal," says the England international.

"People were saying that it was a psychological problem and I was fit to play. That was nonsense.

"The worst thing was that the club's specialist had passed me fit, so the president arranged for me to see another specialist, who is regarded as the number one in Italy.

"He said I would be out for six to eight weeks and, although that was what I didn't want to hear, it at least scotched the rumours that I had a psychological problem.

"Despite the problem, I have no regrets about moving to Italy," says Trevor, who left Manchester City in his third £1 million transfer last August.

The deal came out of the blue and took Trevor as much by surprise as every football follower in England.

He admits that, until Sampdoria made their dramatic bid, he had never seriously considered moving abroad.

And when he was questioned about his future by reporters during the World Cup Finals, he told them: "I've no intentions of leaving City because I'm very happy there."

But the offer of £1 million was one City could not afford to turn down as Trevor explains: "The club was in financial difficulty and I knew I had to leave.

Left: Trevor Francis — "I've no regrets about leaving England, despite the problems."

"I would have been happy to stay at City because I loved the club, but their financial situation dictated otherwise.

"I had only 72 hours to think about the move and at first I didn't really want to go. We had just had a new house built in Manchester and had only lived in it for two days.

"At one point, I had dismissed the idea totally, but the next day changed my mind. Sampdoria gave me a fabulous offer I couldn't refuse and I think every player in Britain would have done the same.

"And when the directors and manager of a club have decided you can go, it is in the best interests of the player to move on."

Trevor says he knew little of Sampdoria other than the fact that former Arsenal star Liam Brady played for them.

"That influenced my decision to sign and Liam has been a great help," says Trevor, who received a hero's reception when he flew out to join his new club.

"It was a marvellous welcome and one I shall never forget," he recalls. "I arrived at Genoa airport and all the roads were blocked because so many people had turned out to see me.

"It was a great occasion and all the fans were absolutely hysterical... it virtually convinced me there and then that I had made the right decision."

Trevor knew that there was a lot of pressure on him to do well, but he lived up to everyone's expectations in his opening games.

He played major roles in Sampdoria's first three League games when they beat Juventus, Inter Milan and local rivals Roma and he was hailed as the top foreign player in the country.

"I couldn't have wished for a better start and things were going great until I got the injury," says Trevor, who has played only one game since.

To add to his injury problem, Trevor landed himself in hot water with the Italian press over the contents of his newly released book.

An Italian correspondent living in London picked out a paragraph from the book which described Italy's defender Claudio Gentile as "barbaric".

As a result, Trevor had to face an inquiry into the allegations. "I had to go to Milan and sit before a committee, but I was completely cleared," says Trevor.

"The whole thing was blown out of all proportion. Fortunately it's all forgotten now and I have since spoken to Gentile and shook hands to prove there are no hard feelings."



SPOTLIGHT on 'The Tigers' of Hull — the club that survived a financial disaster to bounce back and top the Fourth Division.

HULL can celebrate their last minute rescue from the brink of financial disaster by winning promotion to the Third Division.

Last season it wasn't even certain that the club would stay in existence. They were in the hands of the official receiver and £1 million in debt.

But, following the intervention of new club chairman Don Robinson, Hull were saved and the players have repaid him by storming to the top of the table.

Striker Les Mutrie, who suffered through the uncertainties of last season, is convinced that the club can go up this term.

He says: "The only thing that can stop us is a cruel batch of bad injuries. We've only got a squad of 17 players so we wouldn't be able to cope.

"There are not many teams to match us this season. We've got too much flair and skill for most clubs in the Fourth Division.

"Our position at the top of the table hasn't really surprised me because I always felt the potential was here. I remember going on television a year ago and saying we had a bright future.

"I felt that we'd be successful if the club managed to keep hold of their talented young players. We are beginning to reap the benefits now.

"Players like striker Brian Marwood, skipper Garreth Roberts and his midfield partner Steve McClaren have all been in impressive form this season.

"They've got the ability to play at the very highest level," says Les, who was last season's leading scorer with 27 League goals.

"Garreth and Steve have got good skills and can both score goals. The only drawback is that they are a little on the small side."

Les also believes that the signing of centre-half Peter Skipper for his second spell with the club has been an important factor in the team's recovery.

He says: "Since his move from Darlington,

Peter has made an awful lot of difference. He's really tightened up our back four.

"We're in a great position in the table now, but I think the going is going to get much tougher as the season draws to a close.

"In the last couple of months, there are going to be a lot of players booked or sent off while playing against us.

"Many teams can't compete with our pace and skill so they try to boot us out of the game in sheer frustration. I just hope that referees will give us adequate protection."

While the players have been putting the smile back on the face of the supporters, the club have made their bank manager a far happier man by wiping out their massive debt.

"The chairman was our saviour," says Les. "He's completely turned the club around and put us on a sure footing.

"Things were really bad last season. The players had to take drastic cuts in wages and bonus payments in an attempt to keep the club alive.

"The players could have been nasty and refused to have co-operated but that would have been pointless. It was either accept it or face the sack.

EYES OF THE

'I'M AMBITIOUS' — CITY BOSS



Manager Colin Appleton — hoping to emulate John Toshack and Graham Taylor by taking Hull to Division One in four years.

THE roar of the Hull Tigers could once be heard miles away from Boothferry Park.

Supporters packed the terraces of the Humber-side ground to see the likes of Ken Wagstaff, Chris Chilton and Stuart Pearson.

And during the early part of the 1970s, it seemed almost inevitable that Hull City would soon be playing in Division One for the first time in the club's history.

But as the seasons passed, the hopes of First Division status dwindled — as did the support.

Within a disastrous five-year spell, the club which threatened to do so much slumped from the Second to the Fourth Division.

And the situation went from bad to worse last season as Hull tottered on the brink of financial disaster... a dire situation it seemed only a miracle would cure.

At the eleventh hour, that miracle happened when a local businessman stepped in to save Hull City with much-needed cash.

From that moment, the club has not looked back. A £1 million overdraft has been wiped out and the 'Tigers' are currently riding high at the top of the Fourth Division.

The man leading the charge back to Division Three is manager Colin Appleton, who took over from Mike Smith before the start of the season.

And he is hoping to emulate fellow managers, John Toshack, of Swansea, and Graham Taylor, of Watford, who took their sides from the Fourth to the First Division in successive seasons.

"The chances of doing that are somewhat remote, but in this game you have to be ambitious — and that's got to be our aim," says the former Scarborough boss.

"Hull City does not deserve to be in the Fourth Division. In fact the players and the facilities at the

club are Second Division standard."

Apart from two shrewd buys, Colin has kept faith with virtually the same squad of players which finished eighth in the division last season.

"I didn't have to make many changes at all when I arrived," recalls Colin. "There were a lot of good players at the club and it was just a matter of motivating them.

"They have responded tremendously to the challenge and have proved they are prepared to fight to get Hull City out of Division Four.

"There are a lot of young players here and they have become very good professionals. Everyone is working very hard and it is already starting to pay dividends.

"I'm delighted with the progress we have made, but we are not going overboard because we realise there is a lot to do before we can say we have achieved anything."

After 29 games, the 'Tigers' were top of the table, level on points with Port Vale. Colin believes they could have been well clear of the pack had they enjoyed a little more good fortune at the start of the season.

"We were playing well early on, but things were not running for us and we didn't always get the results we deserved," he says.

"Perhaps with a little more luck we could have been eight or ten

points clear at this stage."

Despite that, Hull did get the breaks in their recent game against Stockport, when they took the Cheshire side apart 7-0. Youngster Andy Flounders helped himself to a hat-trick, with other goals from Les Mutrie, Billy Askew, Peter Skipper and Garreth Roberts.

"We are 'The Tigers' in a tremendous position and if we can maintain our form for the remaining games we have got to be in with a chance of promotion.

"It's going to be a real battle, however, because now we are top, other teams are going to try that extra bit harder to knock us off."

After the disappointments of the last few seasons, Colin is delighted to see the fans returning to Boothferry Park.

For home games, 'The Tigers' have been attracting between six and seven thousand people — attendances which would please some Second Division clubs.

"Gates have almost trebled compared with last season and that's obviously a tremendous boost for the club," says Colin, who is in charge of his second League club.

He was a player-manager at Barrow when they were in the Fourth Division in 1967 before moving on to non-League Scarborough two years later.

There he led the side to four Wembley appearances in the FA



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"In the end, we weren't playing for the club as such. We were playing for a job and keep some food on the plate for our families. It was a desperate situation."

It looked as if Les's future was going to be away from Hull because he looked set to join First Division Birmingham along with goalkeeper Tony Norman.

He explains: "We went to Birmingham because we thought that as the club had called in the receiver, we were free contract players."

"After playing in a practice game at Southend, we had talks with manager Ron Saunders and had fixed a date for the signing. Unfortunately it didn't go through because we discovered we were still tied to Hull."

"I was very disappointed that it didn't go through. Every footballer wants to play at the highest level and the First Division is tops."

"But I wouldn't have gone to St Andrews if I couldn't get regular first team football. At my age — 30 — I don't have time to slog it out in the reserves."

Les, who was signed by previous manager Mike Smith from non-League Blyth Spartans, even admits that his future at Hull isn't

secure.

He says: "My contract with the club expires at the end of the season and it may not be financially viable for the club to keep me on."

"If we get promotion, the players will want more money and better bonuses. The club might decide that it's better to release me and bring in younger kids who have a longer future ahead of them."

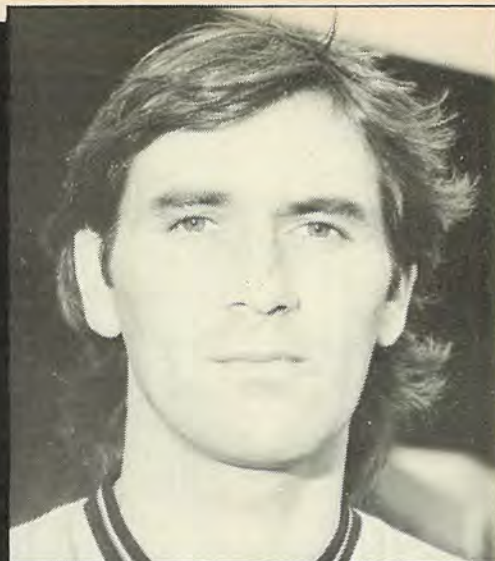
"But I'm not worried about my future. At the moment my main concern is helping the club gain promotion. That's the important thing now."

"At the moment I'm very happy. There's a tremendous spirit within the club and I get on very well with the rest of the players."

A sign of the improved times at Hull was shown when the club sent the first team squad up to Scarborough for a mid-season break.

Les says: "Apart from nearly getting pneumonia in the arctic weather conditions, it did us a lot of good to get away from it all."

"Because we're top of the table, the fans want to know us again so it was good — especially for the younger players — to have the pressure taken off them for a while."



Les Mutrie — "The only thing that can stop us is a cruel batch of injuries."

TIGERS

HULL LOOK FORWARD TO PROMOTION . . .

Trophy. "It would be nice if I could bring the same level of success to Hull," he added.

HULL CITY RECORDS

THE THIRD DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1966

| | | |
|---------|------------------|--------|
| 1966-67 | — Division Two | — 12th |
| 1967-68 | — Division Two | — 17th |
| 1968-69 | — Division Two | — 11th |
| 1969-70 | — Division Two | — 13th |
| 1970-71 | — Division Two | — 5th |
| 1971-72 | — Division Two | — 12th |
| 1972-73 | — Division Two | — 13th |
| 1973-74 | — Division Two | — 9th |
| 1974-75 | — Division Two | — 8th |
| 1975-76 | — Division Two | — 14th |
| 1976-77 | — Division Two | — 14th |
| 1977-78 | — Division Two | — 22nd |
| 1978-79 | — Division Three | — 8th |
| 1979-80 | — Division Three | — 20th |
| 1980-81 | — Division Three | — 24th |
| 1981-82 | — Division Four | — 8th |

Football League Record: 1905 Elected to Division Two; 1930-33 Division Three (North); 1933-36 Division Two; 1936-49 Division Three (North); 1949-56 Division Two; 1956-58 Division Three (North); 1958-59 Division Three; 1959-60 Division Two; 1960-66 Division Three; 1966-78 Division Two; 1978-81 Division Three; 1981 Division Four —
HONOURS: Division Three (North) champions, 1932-33, 1948-49. Division Three champions, 1965-66; runners-up, 1958-59.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCES TOP LEAGUE SCORER

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|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1972-73 | — 9,233 | Pearson, 17 |
| 1973-74 | — 8,216 | Pearson 11 |
| 1974-75 | — 8,572 | Wagstaff, 10 |
| 1975-76 | — 6,901 | Greenwood, Wood, 6 |
| 1976-77 | — 7,923 | Daniel, Hemmerman, Sunley, 6 |
| 1977-78 | — 6,834 | Warboys, 7 |
| 1978-79 | — 5,238 | Edwards, 24 |
| 1979-80 | — 5,986 | Edwards, 19 |
| 1980-81 | — 4,319 | Edwards, 13 |
| 1981-82 | — 3,992 | Mutrie, 27 |
| CURRENT SEASON | | |
| 1982-83 | — 5,589 | Marwood, 12 (up to Feb 5, 1983) |

NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR BILLY

CLOSE-SEASON signing Billy Askew is enjoying his new life at promotion-chasing Hull away from the doom and gloom which surrounded his former club Middlesbrough last season.

Billy made only a handful of appearances in a 'Boro side fighting for First Division survival and for long spells he found himself in the football wilderness.

But after almost six months on the transfer list, new Hull manager Colin Appleton stepped in to sign him with an offer of regular first team football.

"It was a great relief for me when the Hull boss phoned and said he wanted to sign me, because the way things were going at Middlesbrough I felt I no longer had a future there," says Billy.

"I joined 'Boro straight from school in 1976 and enjoyed my spell there apart from the last six months when we were bottom of the First Division and everyone was down in the dumps."

"At one time I felt as though I had made the breakthrough into the first team, but things didn't work out that way and with all the changes that were going on I felt it was time to move on."

"I went to see the manager, Bobby Murdoch, last January and told him I was not happy with the progress I was making and asked to be put on the transfer list."

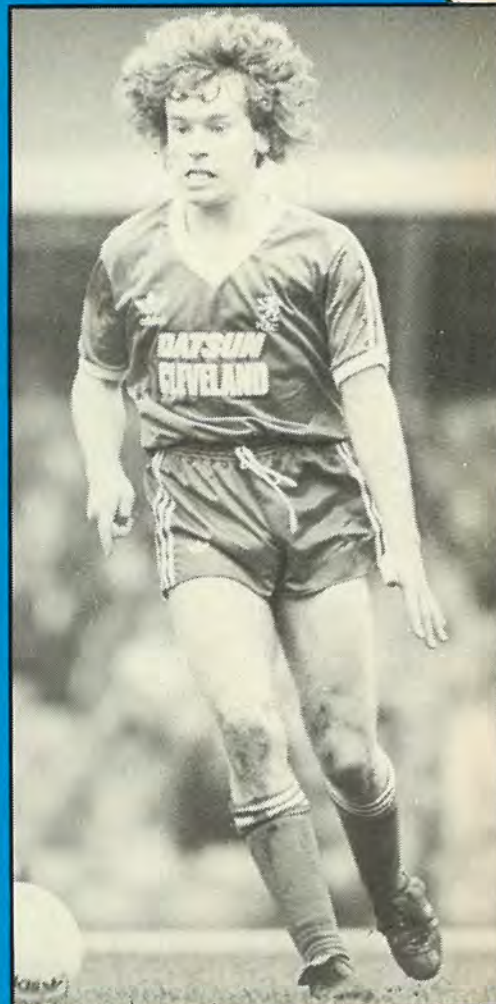
Despite a number of tentative inquiries about Billy, no concrete offers were made. As a result he took the chance of a loan move to Second Division Blackburn, with the hope of first team experience.

But that didn't materialise and Billy did not play a single game at Ewood Park. "That was very frustrating," he says. "Things had gone from bad to worse."

It was in June that he joined Hull on a free transfer and he is now enjoying a new lease of life in a side chasing promotion.

"Naturally I'm delighted to be in a side doing so well... especially after the disappointments of my last few months at Middlesbrough," he says.

"Hull is a terrific club and one which does not deserve to be in the Fourth Division. Hopefully we won't be there for much longer."



One of the rare occasions Hull have delved into the transfer market was to sign Billy Askew from Middlesbrough (above).

JAN LOHMAN

WATFORD





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THEY'RE calling me the Highbury Hero, the man with the Midas Touch after two crucial FA Cup goals in a week.

They're probably not so complimentary around Leeds because I doubt whether I shall score two more vital goals in successive Cup-ties if I play as long as Sir Stanley Matthews.

A last-gasp extra-time equaliser from thirty yards in the replay at Elland Road, and then an 82nd minute winner with my right foot, alias the 'swinger', in the third meeting is still difficult to believe.

With a goal in the 3-1 win over Brighton sandwiched in between, I'm enjoying the best scoring sequence of my career.

Now I'm hoping I can keep it going for the Fifth Round tie at Middlesbrough this weekend.

After the tough saga with Second Division Leeds, you can be assured that we will be treating Middlesbrough with the same high regard despite the fact that they are below Leeds in the table.

Manager Malcolm Allison will probably have a few tricks up his sleeve and they will no doubt fancy their chances of dumping us out of the Cup on their own ground.

They've got plenty of experience, notably full back Joe Bolton and former England and Ipswich defender Kevin Beattie, who is an absolute giant of a player.

I can remember him having a brilliant game for Ipswich in their 1-0 FA Cup Final triumph over us at Wembley five years ago.

He runs like the wind and tackles like a tank and I'm certain the youngsters will follow his example.

From what I have seen of Middlesbrough on the television, I have been impressed with the skills of young midfield players Steve Bell and Darren Wood.

But we are confident that if we can match Middlesbrough's enthusiasm and running power, then we have the extra class and quality to see us home, either at Ayresome Park or back at Highbury.

All I hope is that Middlesbrough don't prove as tough a nut to crack as Leeds in the last round.

I don't think they can be any more difficult. Over the three games, Leeds were well organised and the Arsenal team gained a healthy respect for Eddie Gray's side.

Young strikers Terry Connor and Aidan Butterworth were prepared to run themselves to a standstill, Eddie and Frank Gray showed their vast experience and winger Arthur Graham still retains that sharp pace and directions.

We were left to wonder why Leeds, after those three battling performances, were not more heavily involved in the promotion race at the moment.

We knew from the outset there wouldn't be many goals in it because both teams are renowned for their defensive organisation.

That's why we were a little

The GRAHAM RIX Column

The Arsenal and England midfielder tells us how he became the 'Highbury Hero' in the FA Cup.



HERO OF Highbury

worried when Peter Nicholas put through his own goal to give Leeds the lead at Highbury in the first match.

But, within a minute, we were level when Alan Sunderland volleyed in David O'Leary's near post header from my corner.

Had we not struck back so quickly, then I think we might have gone out of the Cup there and then.

So it was up to Elland Road and a slog in the mud but, as it turned out, we produced the best football of the three matches.

Leeds never had us under siege at any time but we just couldn't transform our possession into goals.

Then, just one minute from the end of extra-time, Aidan Butterworth put Leeds ahead, and, having asked the referee how much time remained, I thought we were out.

I remember looking at Leeds' electronic scoreboard and thinking what a travesty of justice that we were going out of the competition.

When we were awarded a free-kick about thirty yards from goal, my initial thought was to loft the ball into the area in the hope of a knock-down and an equaliser.

Goalkeeper John Lukic obviously thought so as well because he shuffled towards the far post leaving a gap.

I decided to give it a go and, fortunately, it went in over the diving Lukic, and it was a case of 'catch me if you can'.

It was a calculated gamble on my part. If I had missed then I would have faced the music in the dressing room, but I just had that slice of luck when I needed it

because 19 times out of twenty it wouldn't have worked.

And when we won the toss for the right to stage the second replay at Highbury, well, then we knew the Gods were smiling on us.

This time we took the lead with Tony Woodcock swivelling in the area to lose his marker and crash the ball past Lukic.

Below: Tony Woodcock scorer of Arsenal's first goal in the second replay with Leeds.



With about thirty minutes left, I honestly thought we were home and dry because I couldn't see Leeds coming back.

But all credit to them for battling back into the game and equalising through Terry Connor after Pat Jennings had made a brilliant save.

I could see signs of another match looming when Tony Woodcock set me up with a shooting chance eight minutes from the end, and it flew into the net from my right foot.

Once again the shot could have flown anywhere, particularly from my right peg, but with my confidence in front of goal bubbling over, it went in.

Graham Rix

● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.

GOLDEN GOAL! TERRY GIBSON TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR



TOTTENHAM 2, WEST BROM 1

FA Cup, Fourth Round, White Hart Lane, Saturday, January 29, 1983.

TERRY Gibson, that tiny Tottenham terrier, has certainly put the bite back in the Londoners' attack with his insatiable appetite for goals.

Just ask West Brom, who were poised at one stage to end Tottenham's bid to win the FA Cup for the third successive year.

They seemed set for at least a replay back in the Midlands when young Terry struck 16 minutes from time with a brilliant opportunist goal — his fifth in six games. Collecting a headed clearance by Albion's John Wile, he shrugged of a challenge from Martin Jol and zippped between two defenders before unleashing an unstoppable shot across the face of goalkeeper Paul Barron.

"The original ball played in by Ossie Ardiles was meant for Garth Crooks. John Wile headed it out but it came straight to me. I immediately made up my mind to go for goal as the Albion defence looked square," says Terry.

"I struggled off Martin Jol and then nipped between Bennett and Robertson. I wasn't very confident about scoring because of the angle, so I was very excited when I saw it bulge the side-netting. It was the most important goal of my short first team career and I hope I can get another in the next round at Everton."

Clive Whitehead had given Albion the lead in the 54th minute only for Garth Crooks, restored at the expense of Steve Archibald, to equalise four minutes later.



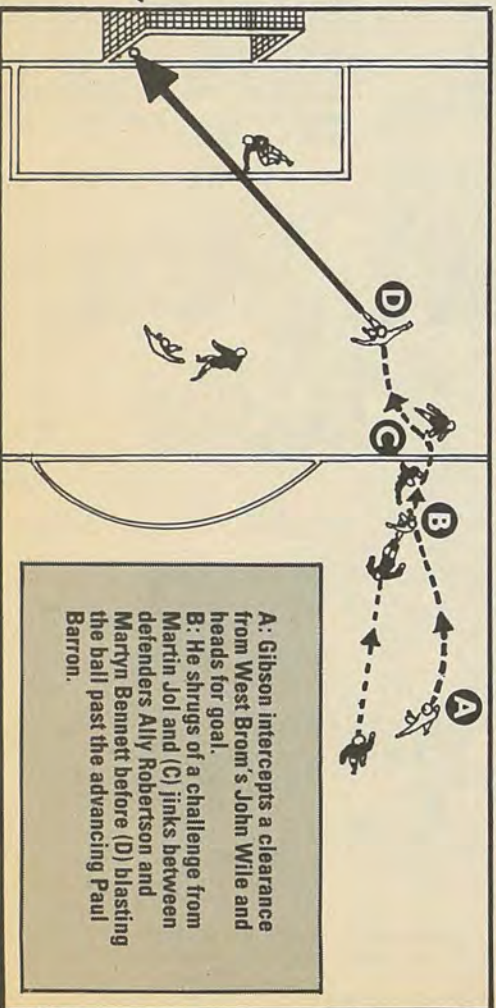
Steve Archibald



Garth Crooks



Clive Whitehead



A: Gibson intercepts a clearance from West Brom's John Wile and heads for goal.

B: He shrugs of a challenge from Martin Jol and (C) jinks between defenders Ally Robertson and Martyn Bennett before (D) blasting the ball past the advancing Paul Barron.

PLATINI SET TO QUIT JUVENTUS

UNITED GO DOUBLE DUTCH

MANCHESTER United's Arnold Muhren has two special dates in Amsterdam circled on his calendar.

They are Friday August 12 and Sunday August 14, the days when Europe's top pre-season tournaments are played in Amsterdam's Olympic Stadium.

You just can't keep Arnold away from the Dutch city when the big events are staged.

The last one was the second leg of the UEFA Cup Final for Ipswich against AZ Alkmaar nearly two years ago.

Now he goes back with United to play in the Amsterdam 707 Tournament that on paper promises to be a real classic this year.

Joining up with United will be Ajax and Feyenoord from Holland and the new star-studded Italians. AS Roma.

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE

■ FIFA, the world's football ruling body, has banned a player for 99 years — the longest suspension ever known.

The player is Floyd David, of Trinidad and Tobago who attacked a referee during a game.

■ WEST Germany may reduce their Bundesliga from 18 clubs to 16 in a bid to halt falling gates. A special meeting has been arranged to discuss the problems and the possibility of cutting the League.

■ STAR Czechoslovakian winger Zdenek Nehoda is now playing in the German Second Division with Darmstadt after a long and successful career with Dukla Prague and the Czech national side in which he won the European Championship in 1976.

FRENCH World Cup skipper Michel Platini is all set to quit Italian aces Juventus.

The 27-year-old midfield star, who only joined the Italian champions this season from St Etienne, is keen to move to America.

"I'm very tempted by North America, especially New York Cosmos and Montreal," says Michel, who is not having the best of seasons with the Turin giants.

Michel is under contract until June 1984 when the European Championships are due to be held in France. "If I do well at Juventus and the club win the European Cup, I will have reached the summit," he says.

"After that, it will all be downhill. I don't want that if I can help it. Look at Bjorn Borg. He's only 26. That's not too young to retire.

"Don't forget I started my career when I was 17 and nowadays the pressure is so great that I don't enjoy football any more, except in training. The desire to win has turned into a fear of losing."

■ ANOTHER of France's top footballing stars, Jean-Francois Larios, is set to join one of the Spanish giants.

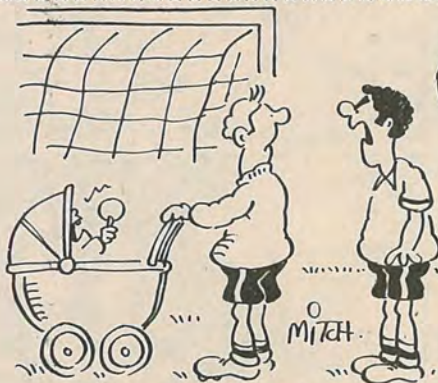
Barcelona, Real Madrid, Atletico Madrid and Valencia are all interested in signing the French World Cup star, who has walked out on St Etienne after five years.

Larios, whose name was linked with Arsenal and Tottenham last year, had his contract cancelled after a meeting with St Etienne president Paul Bressy.

"Four Spanish clubs are after him — Barcelona, Real Madrid, Valencia and Atletico Madrid, and we are now going to choose," says Larios' agent.



Michel Platini — "I don't enjoy football any more."



"Well you'll just have to get a baby sitter on Saturday afternoons."



"Before we lost the ball you did a fine sliding tackle."

It's Fun Time



"Apart from scoring an own goal, missing two penalties and getting sent off, I had a fine game."

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IF THERE were medals for loyalty, then one of the most deserved winners would be Billy Bonds for unwavering devotion to West Ham.

Not only is Billy a great player but he is a terrific captain and great inspiration to the 'Hammers'.

I have always been surprised that he has not won a full England cap.

Now that Billy is approaching the end of his distinguished career, I hope West Ham are already preparing a place for him on their coaching staff.

Ian Whittaker, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

ARSENAL's David O'Leary is a real gentleman.

Last month, David visited our restaurant in Southgate for a take-away. When I took his order, I recognised him and we chatted about Arsenal and new signing Vladimir Petrovic — who David thinks will prove to be a great acquisition for the club.

He signed his autograph for me and we shook hands. What a gent!
Luthful Islam, New Southgate, London.

I WAS looking forward to West Brom playing Watford at Vicarage Road. I knew Watford would provide an entertaining game... but their stadium is a joke.

I've seen better non-League stadiums. You couldn't tell the difference between one of their stands and a cow shed. Behind the goal where the home supporters stand, it is totally uncovered.

It is the most expensive ground in which I have had to stand to watch football. It cost me £2.50. Vicarage Road makes The Hawthorns look like a palace.

There should be a standard for stadiums in the First Division which clubs should not fall below.

Barry Cope (15), Tamworth, Staffordshire.

WORKING on the theory that even the most aggressive of soccer hooligans would find it difficult to create 'aggro' if only home supporters were admitted to a match, isn't it time that all travelling fans were banned?

Clubs would undoubtedly suffer financially in the short

term from all-ticket matches with none available on the day of the match.

But surely soccer can no longer afford a repeat of the scenes like those at Derby recently.
Trevor Jones, Linthorpe, Cleveland.

I'D like to thank you for taking the trouble of answering my daughter's letter. It's nice to know her time isn't wasted.

The highlight of her week is when she buys 'Match' and she's a great Glenn Hoddle fan.

Mrs C. E. Murray, Faversham, Kent.

● Hmm... must be one of my polite replies.



Mike Fillery — Chelsea need players of his class as they build for the future.

SO 'Match' reader Justin Garret thinks that Mike Fillery should play for a better team than Chelsea...

Well, I agree that Mike is one of the best midfielders in the country but that does not mean that he should move to one of the First Division's big clubs.

Chelsea are trying to build again after years in the doldrums and they will need players of his class as they try to bring the glory days back to Stamford Bridge.
David da Cunha, Maidenhead, Berks.

WHEN I received my 'Match Weekly' dated January 29, I was surprised to see the words 'Wolves roar back' on the front cover.

I was under the impression that 'Wolves' howl — it's 'Tigers'

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Stupidity of a Super League

I AM baffled why so many top names in soccer are supporting the idea of a 'Super League'.

I feel such an innovation will do no good and will isolate the smaller clubs.

The idea that a 'Super League' will attract more fans is wrong. There would be no great rise in attendances among the bigger clubs, but the less well supported teams would find it harder to attract the fans without the regular visits of star players.

It would be a question of the rich getting richer, and the poor going out of business.

Nigel Swinbank, Preston, Lancs.

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Edited by Michael Weavers



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When Wolves were in financial difficulties it warranted quite a bit of publicity, but hardly anything was mentioned when Fourth Division Hull City were in the same position.

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I would have thought there should be some praise of this remarkable recovery.

Trudi Wilkinson (14), Hull, East Yorks.

● Couldn't agree more. Stop growling and turn to Pages 18 and 19 of this issue. You'll find a double-page spread dealing with the rise of Hull City.

HERE'S my past and present Manchester United team. All the players have been capped by either Scotland, Wales or Ireland:

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Andrew Philp, Glasgow, Scotland.

GOLDEN GOOF

A 'GUNNERS' fan from Stamford Hill, London, spotted this Golden Goof. "Does Tony Woodcock look a little like Alan Sunderland?" he asks.



WHAT'S all the fuss over Glenn Hoddle? 'Match' asked the question whether or not he should play for England. It seems that while he has been available for selection, no England team manager has been prepared to pick Glenn on a permanent basis.

The player himself is an enigma, superb for Spurs, but no-one can claim in all honesty that he has every reproduced his club form in an England shirt.

He lacks the fire and work rate required of a player in his position and, for my money, he lacks the consistency to merit a regular England spot.

Jimmy Thompson, Preston, Lancs.

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"With the continued success of the club, more and more people all over the world want Liverpool programmes, but with only around 12,000 issued per game, the demand is gradually exceeding the supply.

"For instance, the 35p programme for this season's Milk Cup home tie with Rotherham is already fetching around £1.50 on the market.

"I'm afraid I missed the boat because I had twenty of them a few months ago and sold them to my members at face value, but then I'm not in the game to make a profit."

But Jimmy may soon have to consider transforming his backroom hobby into a full-time business if the demand for Liverpool programmes continues.

He started the club two years ago purely out of interest when some London-based fans sought a regular supply of Liverpool programmes.

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Imagine the official's face when he rose at the end of the evening and discovered that his new signing had a wooden leg.

The official apparently wept, swore and took the first train back to Liverpool.

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Jimmy, a Liverpool fan for more than thirty years, receives all kinds of inquiries.

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"I get requests for autographs and personal meetings with certain players. I try my best but it's impossible to meet all the demands and requests."

And if you have some Liverpool programmes in your collection then they just might

be worth a few pounds.

According to Jimmy, the programme for Liverpool's 1973-74 European Cup-tie in Red Star Belgrade is worth around £45, and a match in Italy against Inter-Milan is fetching around £25.

ASK THE EXPERT

YOUNG collector Jonathan Tittensor has asked us to value his programme featuring Liverpool's unsuccessful World Club Championship clash against Brazil's Flamengo in Tokyo in 1981.

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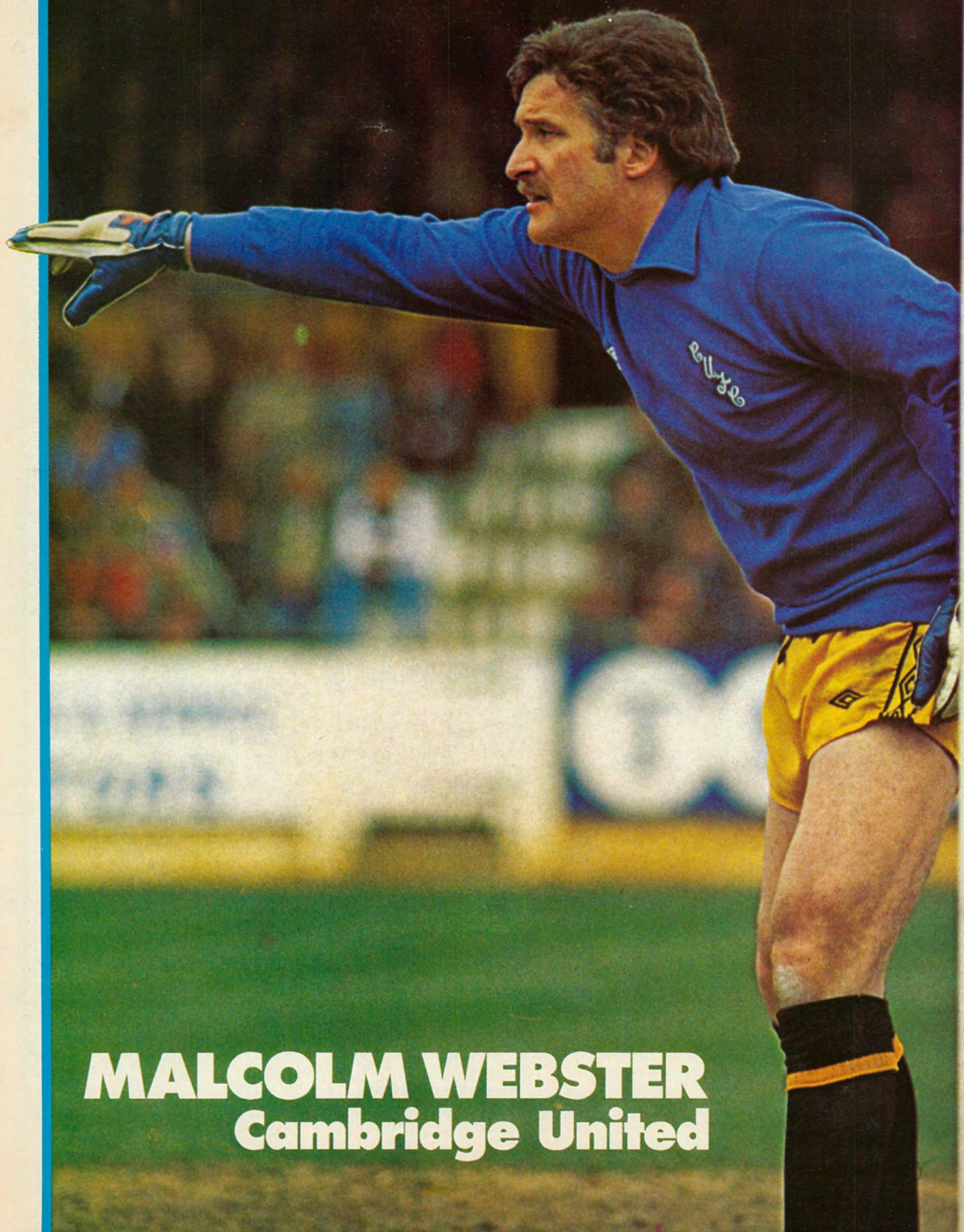
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STAR CHALLENGE

MIGHTY Manchester United and Spurs will tumble out of the FA Cup on Saturday.

That's the belief of Ipswich midfielder star Steve McCall — this week's guest on 'Star Challenge' who reckons Second Division strugglers Derby can topple high flying United and Everton will beat Tottenham at Goodison Park.

Steve says: "The surface at Derby's Baseball Ground is bad and this could be a real leveller. Cup matches are all about which team fights the hardest on the day and the home team will be more keyed up."

"Spurs haven't been drawn out of London for so long that the trip to Goodison Park could unsettle them."

"Everton are inconsistent. They can play well, or they can play very badly. If they get their game together I'm sure they could provide a shock."

"Spurs have won the trophy for the last two years and there's a lot of pressure on them to do it again. That — and the Goodison crowd — could work against them."

"I can't see Cup favourites Liverpool being troubled by Brighton and they should sail into the Quarter Finals 3-0."

"European Champions Aston Villa could struggle at home to Watford. That could be a 0-0 draw, but I think Villa will win the replay. They've got too much experience

STEVE McCALL IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

for Graham Taylor's team."

Steve has been challenged by Colchester, Essex reader Paul Seear (14). Both have predicted the scorelines of six FA Cup Fifth Round matches and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts.

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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Hearts v East Fife.....

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Man. Utd v Arsenal.....

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● **IT'S hard luck to Wolves fan Paul Bell of Worcester, who was narrowly beaten 7-6 by his Molineux favourite Mel Eves in our February 5 'Star Challenge'.**



IPSWICH midfielder star Steve McCall and his challenger Paul Seear of Colchester, Essex.



Here are the six selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent. There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the

actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (ie. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

| | Paul's forecast | Steve's forecast | Your forecast | Result |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|--------|
| Aston Villa v Watford | 3-2 | 0-0 | | |
| Cambridge v Sheff. Wed. | 1-2 | 0-2 | | |
| C. Palace v Burnley | 2-3 | 1-1 | | |
| Derby v Man. Utd. | 1-2 | 1-0 | | |
| Everton v Spurs | 1-1 | 2-1 | | |
| Liverpool v Brighton | 5-0 | 3-0 | | |

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Sunday, Feb. 6

Division One

SWANSEA (1) 1 (Latchford 37)
WATFORD (0) 3 (Blissett 56, 89, Barnes 81)
 Att: 14,461
Swansea: Davies 6, Robinson 6, Marustik 7, Charles 6 (sub. Stanley 5), Stevenson 5,
 ★**RAJKOVIC** 8, Curtis 6, James 6, Gale 5,
 Kennedy 5, Latchford 6.
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 7, Rostron 6,
 Taylor 6, Sims 7, ★**BOLTON** 8, Callaghan 6,
 Blissett 7, Barnes 7, Jackett 6, Lohman 6.
Referee: N. J. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

MILLWALL (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Tait 36, Webb 88)
 Att: 5,621
Millwall: Gleasure 6, Martin 6, Stride 6,
 Madden 6, Allardye 6, ★**ROBERTS** 8,
 Hayes 7, Horrix 6 (sub. Shinton 6), Aylott 6,
 Massey 6, Chatterton 6.
Portsmouth: ★**KNIGHT** 8, McLaughlin 7,
 Sullivan 6, Doyle 6, Howe 6, Aizlewood 6,
 Webb 6, Tait 7, Rafferty 7, Biley 6, Thomas 6.
Referee: R. Milford (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (0) 0
BRENTFORD (0) 0
 Att: 3,401
Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 7, Relish 6, Elsey
 7, Oakes 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 7,
 ★**ALDRIDGE** 8, Tynan 7, Vaughan 7 (sub.
 Moore 6), Boyle 6.
Brentford: Roche 6, Rowe 7, Holmes 7,
 McNichol 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, Kamara
 6, Joseph 7, Bowen 6, Bowles 6.
 ★**ROBERTS** 8.
Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

Monday, Feb. 7

SCOTTISH

**Scottish Cup, Third Round
 Second Replay**

PARTICK (1) 2 (Johnston 3, McDowall 99)
KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (Gallagher 50,
 McGivern 91)
After Extra Time
 Att: 4,809

Tuesday, Feb. 8

**Milk Cup, Semi-Final,
 First Leg**

LIVERPOOL (1) 3 (Souness 43, Neal, pen 71,
 Hodgson 80)
BURNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 33,520
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 8, Neal 7, Kennedy 7,
 Lawrenson 7, Johnston 6 (sub. Whelan 7),
 Hansen 7, Dalglish 8, Lee 8, Rush 7, Hodgson
 8, ★**SOUNESS** 9.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Donachie 7,
 Phelan 6, Dobson 7, Flynn 7, Scott 6, Steven
 6, ★**HAMILTON** 8, Taylor 6, Young 6.
Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 0
 Att: 3,148
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 5,
 Harrison 6, Smith 7, Cooper 5, Hodges 5,
 ★**BREMNER** 8, Sims 5, McCartney 5,
 Rogers 6.
Walsall: Green 7, Caswell 7, Mower 6, Beech
 6, Sinnott 6, ★**HART** 8, Shakespeare 5,
 Preece 5, Kearns 5, Buckley 6 (sub. Round),
 O'Kelly 5.
Referee: J. Martin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★

**League Trophy,
 Semi-Final**

CHESTER (1) 1 (Thomas)
LINCOLN (1) 3 (Peake, Turner, Cockerill)
After Extra Time
 Att: 1,058

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SCOTTISH Premier Division

ABERDEEN (2) 5 (McLeish 36, McMaster 38, McGhee 52, Black 67, Cooper 71)
MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Rafferty 10)
 Att: 10,500
Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Kennedy 6, Rougvie 6,
 McMaster 7, ★**McLEISH** 8, Miller 7, Black 6
 (sub. Cooper 7), Simpson 7, McGhee 7, Bell 7,
 Weir 6 (sub. Watson 6).
Motherwell: Walker 6, Flavell 7, Dornan 6,
 Carson 6, Edvaldsson 7, Forbes 6 (sub.
 Coyne), ★**McCLAIR** 8, Rafferty 6, Harrow
 6, Mauchlen 6, O'Hara 7.
Referee: J. R. Renton (Cowdenbeath)
Match Rating: ★★

First Division

ALLOA (0) 1 (McComb 85)
CLYDE (1) 3 (O'Neill 39, Doherty 55, Nevin 79)
 Att: 813

Wednesday, Feb. 9

**FA Cup, Fourth Round,
 Second Replay**

ARSENAL (0) 2 (Woodcock 54, Rix 82)
LEEDS (0) 1 (Connor 70)
 Att: 26,802
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 7,
 Robson 7, O'Leary 7, Nicholas 6, Talbot 6,
 Meade 5, Petrovic 5, Woodcock 7, ★**RIX** 8.
Leeds: Lukic 7, Aspin 7, ★**GRAY**, E 9,
 Sheridan 8, Hart 7, Dickinson 7, Thomas 7,
 Connor 7, Butterworth 5, Gray, F 6, Graham 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

**TORQUAY v BRISTOL CITY — Match
 Postponed**

Welsh Cup, Fifth Round

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Latchford 2, James)
HEREFORD (1) 1 (Phillips)
 Att: 2,688

SCOTTISH

**Scottish Cup, Third Round
 Third Replay**

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
PARTICK (0) 1 (Johnston 85)
 Att: 3,800

First Division

DUNFERMLINE (0) 2 (Forrest, pen 50,
 Jenkins 89)
HEARTS (1) 1 (O'Connor 24)
 Att: 3,000

PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world
 9 Outstanding
 8 Excellent
 7 Good
 6 Adequate
 5 Off form
 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic
 ★★★★★ Good value
 ★★★★★ Satisfactory
 ★★★★★ Dull
 ★ A waste of money

STENHOUSEMUIR (3) 3 (Murray 17, Gillen 25, 27)
EAST FIFE (0) 2 (Kirk 56, 63)
 Att: 850

Friday, Feb. 11

Division Four

**COLCHESTER v PORT VALE — Match
 Postponed**

Saturday, Feb. 12

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Morley 15, Withe 82)
EVERTON (0) 0
 Att: 21,227
Aston Villa: Spink 8, Williams 7, Gibson 7,
 Evans 8, McNaught 8, Mortimer 6, Blair 7,
 Shaw 6, Withe 7, Cowans 7, ★**MORLEY** 9.
Everton: Arnold 7, Stevens 6, Bailey 7,
 Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 7, Richardson 6, Heath 6,
 ★**KING** 8, Sharp 6, Reid 6 (sub. Johnson 6),
 Sheedy 6.
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★

BRIGHTON (0) 0
WEST BROM (0) 0
 Att: 9,902
Brighton: Digweed 7, Ramsey 7, Gating 7,
 Greulich 6, Foster 7, ★**STEVENS** 8, Case 6,
 Ritchie 5, Robinson 5, Smith 5, Smillie 6.
West Brom: Barron 7, Webb 7, ★**STATHAM**
 8, Zondervan 6, Wile 6, Bennett 7, Jol 6,
 Brown 6, Cross 5, Lewis 6, Eastoe 5.
Referee: E. Scales (Ware)
Match Rating: ★★

COVENTRY (2) 4 (Melrose 24, Hateley 37,
 Gillespie 56, Hunt 71)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 9,527
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 7, Roberts 7,
 Butterworth 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 7, Whetton
 7, Francis 8, Hateley 7, Melrose 8, ★**HUNT** 9.
Man City: Williams 5, Ranson 6, McDonald 4
 (sub. Park 6), Reid 6, Bond 6, Caton 6, May 5,
 ★**REEVES** 7, Cross 5, Hartford 6, Bodak 4.
Referee: M. Dumblebee (Stevenage)
Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Dalglish 66)
IPSWICH (0) 0
 Att: 34,976
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Kennedy 6,
 Lawrenson 7, Johnston 5 (sub. Whelan),
 Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Lee 7, Rush 6, Hodgson
 7, ★**SOUNESS** 8.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Putney 5 (sub. D'Avray 5),
 Gernon 6, Thijssen 7, ★**OSMAN** 8, Butcher
 7, Wark 7, McCall 6, Mariner 6, Brazil 6,
 O'Callaghan 7.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: ★★

**MANCHESTER UNITED v LUTON — Match
 Postponed**

**NORWICH v SUNDERLAND — Match
 Postponed**

**NOTTS COUNTY v SOUTHAMPTON —
 Match Postponed**

**STOKE v NOTTINGHAM FOREST — Match
 Postponed**

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Crooks 35)
SWANSEA (0) 0
 Att: 24,632
Spurs: Clemence 6, Hughton 6 (sub. Falco 6),
 Lacy 7, Price 6, Villa 7, Perryman 6, Galvin 7,
 Mabbutt 7, ★**GIBSON** 8, Brooke 6, Crooks 7.
Swansea: Davies 7, Robinson 6, Hadziabdic
 6, ★**CHARLES** 8, Kennedy 6, Rajkovic 7
 (sub. Gale 6), Curtis 6, James 7, Mahoney 6,
 Stanley 6, Latchford 5.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★

**WATFORD v BIRMINGHAM — Match
 Postponed**

**WEST HAM v ARSENAL — Match
 Postponed**

Division Two

BURNLEY v QPR — Match Postponed

CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 0
 Att: 6,909
Cambridge: Webster 6, Donaldson 6, Murray
 6, Turner 6, ★**FALLON** 7, O'Neill 6,
 Cartwright 6, Streete 5 (sub. Goldsmith 6),
 Finney 6, Mayo 6, Fisher 6.
Leeds: Lukic 6, Aspin 7, ★**GRAY**, E 8,
 Sheridan 6, Hart 6, Dickinson 6 (sub. Hird 6),
 Thomas 6, Connor 6, Butterworth 6, Gray, F
 6, Graham 7.
Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★

**CRYSTAL PALACE v BOLTON — Match
 Postponed**

DERBY v CHARLTON — Match Postponed

FULHAM v BARNLEY — Match Postponed

GRIMSBY (2) 2 (Drinkell 6, 18)
CHELSEA (1) 1 (Mayes 38)
 Att: 6,711
Grimsbey: Batch 8, Moore, D 6, Crombie 7,
 Waters 7, ★**COOPER** 9, Moore, K 6, Ford 7,
 Cumming 6, Drinkell 8, Bonnyman 6, O'Dell
 6.
Chelsea: Francis 7, Lee 6, Jones 7, Driver 7,
 Hutchins 6, Pates 6, Fillery 7, ★**WALKER** 8,
 Speedie 7, Mayes 7, Rhoades-Brown 7.
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★

**LEICESTER v SHREWSBURY — Match
 Postponed**

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NEWCASTLE v ROTHERHAM — Match Postponed

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Palmer 24, 79, Ryan 73)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 6,002
 Oldham: Goram 6, Sinclair 6, Ryan 6, Keegan 7, Clements 7, Hoolickin 7, Taylor 7, Atkinson 7, McDonough 7, Bowden 6, ★**PALMER** 8 (sub. Anderson).
 Middlesbrough: ★**O'HANLON** 8, Kennedy 6, Bolton 6, Baxter 6, Nattrass 6 (sub. Mowbray 6), Wood 6, Otto 6, Sugrue 6, Shearer 5, Hankin 5, Bell 7.
 Referee: B. Newsome (Broseley)
 Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY v BLACKBURN — Match Postponed

WOLVES (1) 2 (Eves 47, Livingstone 87)
CARLISLE (1) 1 (Bannon 15)
 Att: 13,171
 Wolves: Burridge 7, Humphrey 7, Palmer 6, Rudge 6, Pender 6, ★**DODD** 8, Hibbitt 6, Clarke 6, Gray 7, Eves 7, Matthews 7 (sub. Livingstone).
 Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Parker 6, Haigh 7, Ashurst 6, Rushbury 6, ★**HOUGHTON** 8, Staniforth 7, Craig 7, Poskett 7, Bannon 7, Shoulder 7.
 Referee: T. G. Bune (Newbury)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

CHESTERFIELD v SOUTHEND — Match Postponed

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Heffernan, pen 85)
WREXHAM (0) 1 (Hunt 81)
 Att: 3,827
 Bournemouth: Allen 7, Heffernan 6, ★**SULLEY** 8, Spackman 6, Brignull 6, Impey 6, Neighbour 6, Golac 6, Morgan 5 (sub. Graham 5), Lee 5, Carter 6.
 Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 7, King 6, Bater 7, ★**SAVAGE** 8, Downman 7, Keay 6, Arkwright 6, Buxton 7, Hunt 6, Steel 6, Gregory 7.
 Referee: D. J. Axcell (Southend)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (0) 2 (Campbell 67, McNiven 70)

BRISTOL (0) 0
 Att: 4,261
 Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Podd 7, Chapman 7, Lester 6, Jackson 7, ★**CHERRY** 8, McCall 7, Cooke 6, Campbell 6, McNiven 6, Black 7.
 Bristol Rovers: Kite 7, Slatter 7, Williams 8, 6, Williams, G. 6, Parkin 7, ★**MCCAFFREY** 8, Ball 7, Williams, D. 7, Platnauer 7 (sub. Stephens), Randall 6, Barrett 7.
 Referee: J. Lovatt (Crewe)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRENTFORD (0) 1 (Bowles, pen 72)
READING (2) 2 (Williams 30, Price 35)
 Att: 6,273
 Brentford: Roche 6, Wilkins 6, Holmes 6 (sub. Booker 7), McNichol 7, Whitehead 7, Hurlock 7, Kamara 6, Joseph 6, ★**CASELLS** 8, Bowles 7, Roberts 5.
 Reading: ★**JUDGE** 8, Richardson 7, White 7, Beavon 7, Barnes 6, Nutton 6, Docherty 7, Williams 7, Price 7, Bason 7, Sanchez 6.
 Referee: J. C. Deakin (Bedford)
 Match Rating: ★★

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Hemmerman, pen 14, Bennett, D 52, Hutton 53)
OXFORD (0) 0
 Att: 6,970
 Cardiff: Dibble 7, Jones 7, Mullen 6, Tong 6, Dwyer 6, ★**BODIN** 8, Bennett, D 6 (sub. Giles 5), Gibbins 6, Hutton 7, Hemmerman 6, Maddy 6.
 Oxford: Butcher 6, Linney 5, Grant 5 (sub. Jones 6), Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 5, Lawrence 5, Donovan 5, Vinter 5, Thomas 7, ★**SMITHERS** 8.
 Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury)
 Match Rating: ★★
 Sending Off: Donovan (Oxford)

DONCASTER v ORIENT — Match Postponed

GILLINGHAM v SHEFFIELD UNITED — Match Postponed

HUDDERSFIELD (2) 5 (Lillis 5, Russell 11, 52, Hanvey 72, Wilson 75)
MILLWALL (0) 1 (Madden 55)
 Att: 8,111
 Huddersfield: Cox 6, Brown 7, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, ★**LILLIS** 8, Doyle 7, Russell 7, Wilson 6, Cowling 6.
 Millwall: Wells 6, Martin 7, Stride 6, Lovell 6, Allardyce 5, Roberts 6, Hayes 6, Neal 6, ★**AYLOTT** 8, Massey 5 (sub. Madden 6), Chatterton 7.
 Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield)
 Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN v NEWPORT — Match Postponed

PLYMOUTH v WIGAN — Match Postponed

PORTSMOUTH (2) 3 (Biley 14, Tait 21, Howe 60)
EXETER (0) 2 (Neville 78, 87)
 Att: 10,622
 Portsmouth: Knight 6, McLaughlin 6, Sullivan 5, Doyle 7, Howe 6, Aizlewood 5, Webb 5, Tait 7, Rafferty 6, Biley 5, ★**ROGERS** 8.
 Exeter: Bond 5, Sparrow 5 (sub. Kirkup), Viney 6, Harle 6, Davies 5, McEwan 5, ★**NEVILLE** 7, Rogers, P. 5, Pullar 5, Delve 6, Gibson 5.
 Referee: J. A. Moules (Ongar)
 Match Rating: ★★

PRESTON v WALSALL — Match Postponed

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (2) 3 (Banton 9, pen 39, Goddard 90)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
 Att: 1,761
 Aldershot: Johnson 6, Andruszewski 6, Gillard 7, Scott 8, Wooler 8, Joplin 8, Shrubbs 7, ★**BANTON** 9, Goddard 8, McDonald 7, Brodie 7.
 Northampton: ★**KENDALL** 8, Tucker 4, Saunders 4, Gage 4, Burrows 4, Coffill 7, Patching 6, Buchanan 6 (sub. Denyer), Belfon 6, Syrett 7, Massey 4.
 Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil)
 Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Ritchie, pen 38)
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
 Att: 3,959
 Bristol City: Shaw 7, Newman 6, Williams 5, Nicholls 5, Phillipson-Masters 6, ★**RILEY** 8, Ritchie 6, Economou 6, Cooper 6, Musker 5, Crawford 5.
 Peterborough: Seamari 6, Winters 6, Collins 6, ★**GYNN** 8, Firm 7, Slack 6, Clarke 7, Rodaway 6, Cooke 5, Benjamin 6, Chard 5.
 Referee: L. F. Burden (Dorset)
 Match Rating: ★

BURY (0) 0
ROCHDALE (0) 0
 Att: 4,376
 Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 5 (sub. Johnson 5), ★**BRAMHALL** 7, Halliday 6, Breckin 6, Gore 5, McHale 6, Jakub 5, Madden 5, Parker 5, Firth 5.

Rochdale: Pierce 6, Keenan 6, McElhinney 6, Taylor 6, Snookes 6, Hilditch 5, ★**FARRELL** 7, Greaves 5, Comstive 5, Thompson 6, French 5.
 Referee: D. B. Allinson (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★

CHESTER (1) 2 (Zelem 21, Williams 77)
HALIFAX (0) 0
 Att: 1,907
 Chester: Harrington 7, Needham 5, Lane 5, Blackwell 6, ★**ZELEM** 8, Williams 7, Sloan 6, Simpson 6, Thomas 7, Workman 5, Wilson 7.
 Halifax: Smelt 6, Nobbs 6, Wood 5, Evans 6, Smith 7, Hendrie 7, Ward 5, Spooner 5 (sub. Kendall 6), Allatt 7, Nuttall 7.
 ★**STANFORTH** 8.
 Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
 Match Rating: ★★

DARLINGTON v BLACKPOOL — Match Postponed

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
TORQUAY (1) 2 (Wilson 24, Anderson 88)
 Att: 1,159
 Hartlepool: Blackburn 7, Brown 7, Barker 6, ★**ROBINSON** 8, Bird 6 (sub. Smith 5), Linighan 6, Lowe 7, Staff 5, Dobson 6, Lawrence 6, Linacre 5.
 Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 5, Young 6, Wilson 7, Little 7, Hughes 6, Grapes 7, Carter 7, Cooper 5, ★**ANDERSON** 8, Bishop 7.
 Referee: R. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★

MANSFIELD v CREWE — Match Postponed

STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Coyle 2)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 1 (Cammack 75)
 Att: 2,328
 Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 7, Sherlock 7, Emmerson 6, Sword 7, Thorpe 7, Williams 7, Smith 6, ★**QUINN** 8, Power 6, Coyle 7 (sub. Phillips 6).
 Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Oates 6, Pointon 7, Fowler 6, Baines 7, Hunter 6 (sub. Boxall), O'Berg 7, ★**CAMMACK** 8, Cowling 7, Parkinson 7, Leman 6.
 Referee: A. J. Hamill (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWINDON (1) 3 (Pritchard 5, Rideout 65, Bray, og 67)
HEREFORD (0) 2 (Phillips 75, Harvey, pen 85)
 Att: 4,042
 Swindon: Allan 7, Baverstock 7, ★**BAILIE** 8, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 6, Graham 7, Pritchard 6 (sub. Quinn), Batty 6, Rideout 7, Rowland 6, Barnard 6.
 Hereford: Rose 7, Price 6, Bray 6, Hicks 7, Pejic 6, Ross 7, ★**HARVEY** 8, Bartley 6, Phillips 7, Teasdale 6 (sub. Lane), White 7.
 Referee: R. G. Milford (Bristol)
 Match Rating: ★★

WIMBLEDON v TRANMERE — Match Postponed

YORK v HULL — Match Postponed

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (1) 1 (Nicholas 35)
ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Black 44, 45, 71)
 Att: 42,831
 Celtic: Bonner 6, McGrain 7, Reid 6 (sub. McCluskey), Aitken 6, McAdam 6, Sinclair 6, ★**PROVAN** 8, McStay 7, McGarvey 6, MacLeod 6, Nicholas 7.
 Aberdeen: Leighton 8, Kennedy 8, Rougiev 6, Cooper 7, McLeish 8, Miller 8, Simpson 7, Bell 6, ★**BLACK** 9, McGhee 8, Weir 7.
 Referee: R. Valentine (Dundee)
 Match Rating: ★★

DUNDEE v HIBERNIAN — Match Postponed

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 5 (Holt 9, 17, 54, Bannon 56, Dodds 75)
 Att: 1,850
 Kilmarnock: Wilson 6, McDicken 6, Clark, R. 6, ★**CLARK**, J. 7, Armstrong 6, McGivern 5 (sub. McClurg 6), MacLeod 6, Gallagher 5, Simpson 5 (sub. McKinna 5), Muir 6.
 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Phillips 6, Malpas 6, Gough 7, Hegarty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 7, ★**HOLT** 8, Kirkwood 6 (sub. Milne), Sturrock 6, Dodds 7.
 Referee: B. Downie (Edinburgh)
 Match Rating: ★★

MORTON (0) 0
RANGERS (1) 5 (Bett 22, 70, MacDonald 54, Kennedy 88, 89)
 Att: 6,900
 Morton: ★**BAINES** 7, Houston 5, McLaughlin 6, Duffy 6, Holmes 5, Docherty 5, Hutchison 4, Rooney 6, McNab 4, Payne 5, Ritchie 6.
 Rangers: McCloy 7, ★**DAWSON** 8, Black 6, McClelland 7, McPherson 7, Bett 7, Prytz 6, Redford 6, Dalziel 6, Kennedy 7, MacDonald 7.
 Referee: H. Young (Larkhall)
 Match Rating: ★★

MOTHERWELL v ST MIRREN — Match Postponed

First Division

ALLOA (0) 1 (McKeown 67)
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (McCabe 29, Garner 60)
 Att: 1,350
 Dumbarton (1) 2 (Coyle 36, Blair 88)
 Queen's Park (0) 1 (McNiven 89)
 Att: 600
 Dunfermline v Airdrie — Match Postponed
 Falkirk v Clyde — Match Postponed
 Hearts (2) 5 (O'Connor 16, Pettigrew 41, Mackay 62, Bowman 87, Byrne 89)
 Ayr (1) 1 (McNaughton 25)
 Att: 4,294
 Partick v Raith — Match Postponed

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
HAMILTON (2) 2 (McLaughlin 17, McDowall 61)
 Att: 2,321

Second Division

ALBION v MEADOWBANK — Match Postponed
 Berwick (0) 0
 East Stirling (2) 3 (Ballantyne 9, Jack 34, 71)
 Att: 488
 East Fife (1) 1 (Thomson 19)
 Stirling (0) 0
 Att: 651
 Forfar v Brechin — Match Postponed
 Montrose v Arbroath — Match Postponed
 Queen of the South v Cowdenbeath — Match Postponed
 Stranraer (1) 2 (Knox 13, McBride 59)
 Stenhousemuir (0) 0
 Att: 360

MATCH WEEKLY / SUBBUTEO CHAMPIONSHIPS

WREXHAM's Terry Walker is the North Wales Regional winner in the Match Weekly/Subbuteo National Championships. He won the title at the Deeside Leisure Centre last Saturday, beating Brian Hall, from Mold, in the Final.

They go forward, along with the losing Semi-Finalists, Cayne Matthews, of Soughton (third) and Stephen Walker, of Rhuddlan (fourth), to the Welsh National Final being staged at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff, on April 23.

The other players in the North Wales Final were: Simon Jones, Gareth Davies, Timothy Healey, Nicky Kaye, Stuart Williams, Mark Jones Hopwood, Mark Jones and Alan Bennett.

MATCH WINNERS

GRAHAM Harward, of Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, has won a week at the Bob Wilson Goalkeeping School in our January 29 'Spot the Difference' competition.

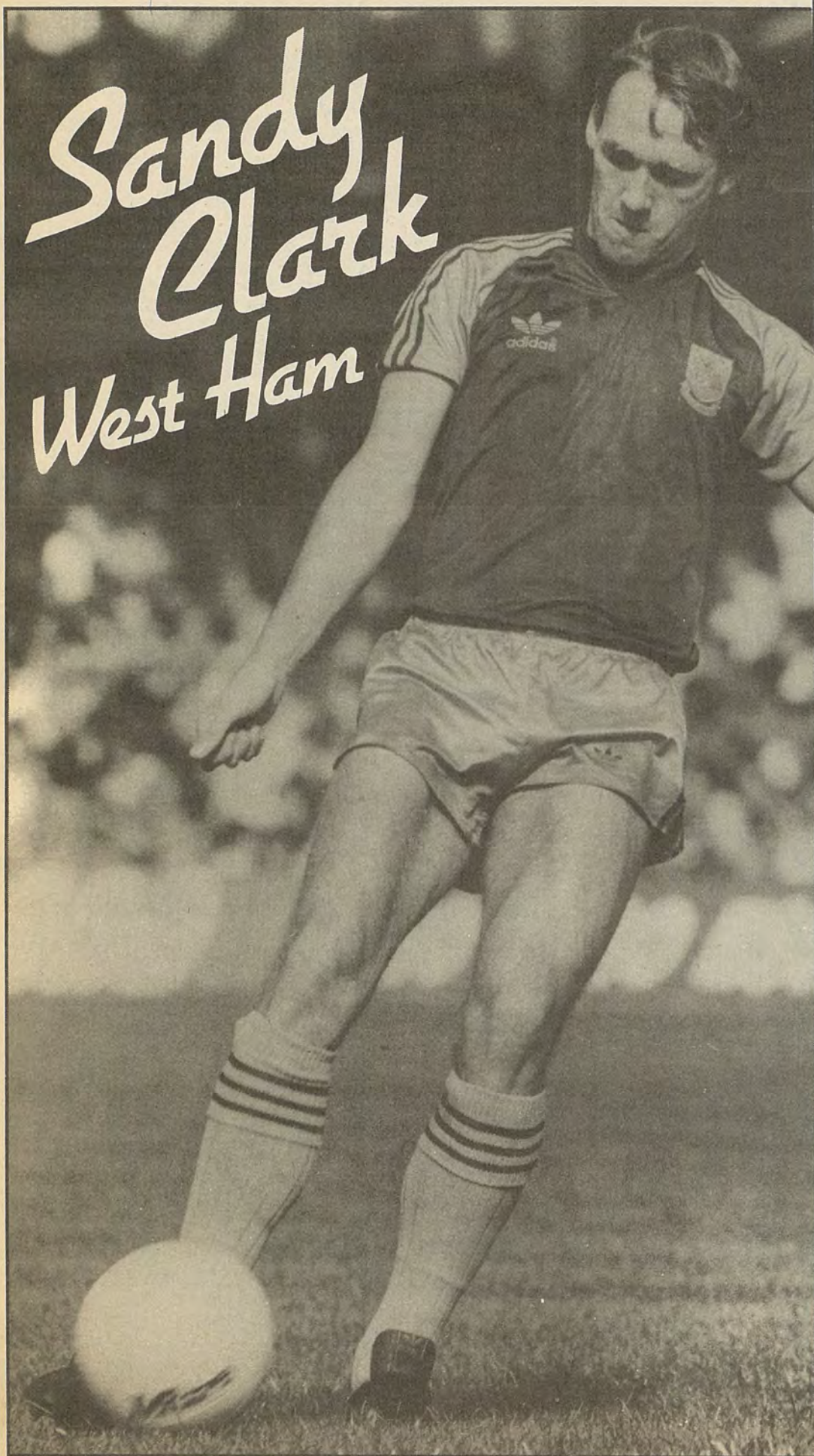
The following ten runners-up each receive T-shirts: Stephen Catling, Wellingborough; Stuart Finn, Luton; Lee Cooper, Ringwood, Hants; Mark Brereton, Blackburn; Greg Littlewood, Woodborough, Notts; Giles Isaacs, Aine, York; David Smith, Allandale, Stirlingshire; Michael Fowler, Chepstow, Gwent; Paul Guy, Consett; Stephen Molsher, Holbeach, Lincs.

A SET of programmes have been won by the following five winners in our January 29 'Programme Parade' competition.

Robert Watson, Forfar, Angus; Stephen Eggleton, Newbury; Stephen Davies, Ammanford, Dyfed; K. M. Cousins, Drayton, Portsmouth; Joyce Hewitt, St. Helens.

Sandy Clark

West Ham



FULL NAME: Sandy Clark.
 BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Airdrie, October 28, 1956.
 HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft/12st.
 MARRIED: Yes, to Anne.
 CHILDREN: None.
 CAR: Vauxhall Cavalier 1.6GL.
 PREVIOUS CLUBS: Airdrie.
 TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Office manager with a credit company.
 WORST EVER INJURY: Torn ankle ligaments in October 1975.
 FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kevin Keegan – because he works hard and plays to his strengths.
 FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Liverpool.
 FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele – he's the best all-round player ever.
 BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Jennings, McGrain, Cooper, Moore, Charlton J, Baxter, Keegan, Dalglish, Greaves, Law, Best.
 ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (USSR), Alberto (Brazil), Cooper (England), Netzer (W. Germany), Gerson (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Best (N. Ireland), Cruyff (Holland), Muller (W. Germany), Pele (Brazil), Gento (Spain).
 FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Ibrox.
 BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Hibernian in November 1981.
 BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Bobby Russell's for Rangers against Airdrie in December 1981.
 MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Aberdeen's Alex McLeish.
 MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Victory over Motherwell in April 1980 which clinched promotion to the Premier Division for Airdrie.
 OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the Scottish Division One 'Player of the Year' award in

1979-80, and joining West Ham.
 BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Queen's Park in the Scottish Cup last season.
 FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: I didn't have time when I was playing part-time.
 MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good food and meeting people.
 MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Dishonest people and bad drivers.
 FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder.
 TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: There are quite a few.
 FAVOURITE READING: Dick Francis.
 FAVOURITE POP STAR: Diana Ross.
 FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak.
 FAVOURITE DRINK: Fresh orange.
 BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland.
 FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood/Barbra Streisand.
 BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Wild Geese.
 BEST FRIEND: I hope I have a few.
 BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Airdrie manager Bobby Watson.
 WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Players who cheat.
 SUPERSTITIONS: None.
 PRE-MATCH MEAL: Scrambled eggs.
 INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
 PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful and happy in life.
 PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win a cup winners' medal.
 CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Coaching.
 PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Airdrie's Colin Walker.
 WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Barbra Streisand.
 ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and listen to advice from people respected within the game.

Sandy Clark

STAR GALLERY



Match Weekly columnist Steve Coppell (above) is "an outstanding player" according to Richard Johnson (16), of Eaton Ford, St Neots, Cambs. And Declan Kelly, of Bexleyheath, Kent has drawn Eire midfield genius Liam Brady (left). "He's a joy to watch," says Declan.



Liverpool's close season buy from Middlesbrough, David Hodgson, has been drawn by Steven Rodgers (13) of Grasscroft, Oldham, Lancs.

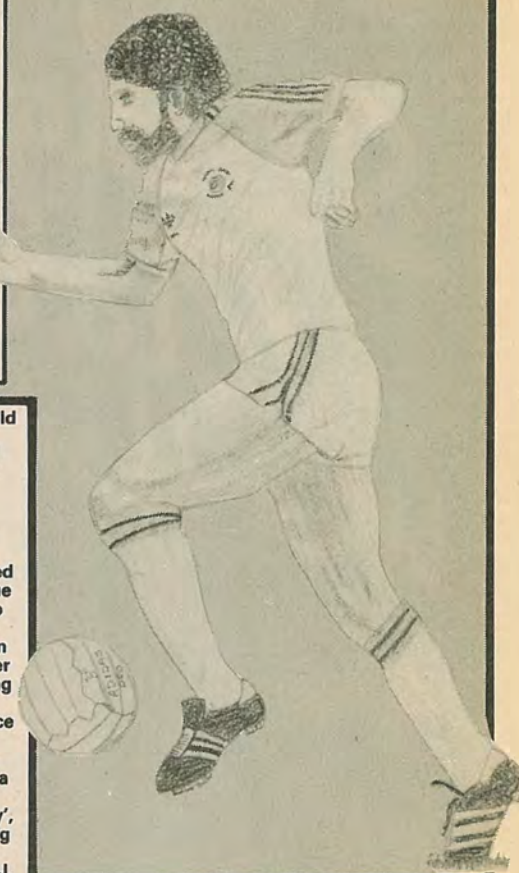


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Luton star Ricky Hill thoroughly deserved his England call-up this season, says Jason Manning (12), of Oakley, Beds.

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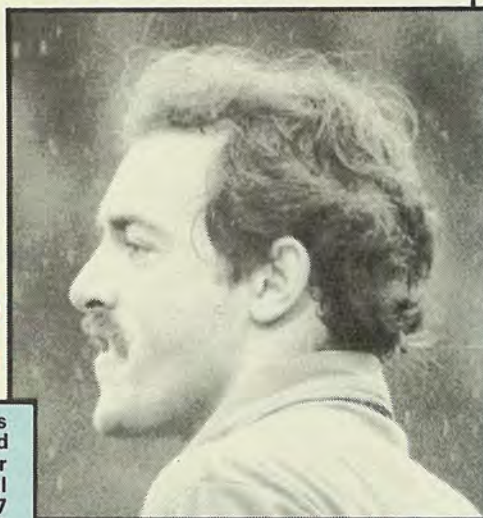
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TOP STOPPERS

WHO'LL be Match Weekly's 'Top Stopper' this season... the goalkeeper with the safest hands in soccer?

We've compiled exclusive tables which indicate who has been performing best between the sticks this season. And we'll be updating the table as the season progresses.

BRUCE CLOSES THE GAP



LIVERPOOL goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar is poised to wrest the Match Weekly 'Top Stoppers' crown from reigning champion Gary Bailey.

The Manchester United 'keeper, bidding for a hat-trick of titles, is still leading the way in the First Division, but his lead has been cut to just 13 minutes.

There is just two goals between the young goalkeepers as the season enters its final phase, and Zimbabwe-born Bruce is just waiting for a slip from the man tipped to succeed Peter Shilton in the England goal.

England B international Gary conceded, on average, one goal every 117 minutes during United's first 26 matches.

Watford's Steve Sherwood leads the chasing pack, but has some distance to make up on the leaders, while Coventry's Les Sealey holds on to fourth spot.

Peter Hucker, the young Queen's Park Rangers 'keeper, has maintained his advantage in Division Two from his former club-mate John Burridge, now with high-flying Wolves, and it's also unchanged at the top of Division Three with Lincoln's David Felgate still in charge.

But a new challenger has emerged in Division Three in the shape of Portsmouth's Alan Knight, while Port Vale's Barry Siddall, currently recovering from a knee operation, has taken over at the top of Division Four.

However, the goalkeeper boasting the best record in England and Scotland at the moment is Aberdeen's new international Jim Leighton.

He conceded only 13 goals in 21 Premier Division games for an impressive average of 145 minutes between each goal.

● SOLUTIONS to 'Trace The Teams'... see page 14.

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DIVISION ONE

| | Games | Gls | Mins played per Goal |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 Gary Bailey (Man. United) | 26 | 20 | 117 |
| 2 Bruce Grobbelaar (Liverpool) | 26 | 22 | 106 |
| 3 Steve Sherwood (Watford) | 26 | 27 | 87 |
| 4 Les Sealey (Coventry) | 23 | 26 | 80 |
| 5 Paul Cooper (Ipswich) | 19 | 25 | 68 |
| 6 Jimmy Rimmer (Aston Villa) | 20 | 27 | 67 |
| 7 George Wood (Arsenal) | 16 | 22 | 65 |
| 8 Joe Corrigan (Man. City) | 20 | 29 | 62 |
| 8 Chris Turner (Sunderland) | 25 | 36 | 62 |
| 10 Ray Clemence (Tottenham) | 25 | 37 | 61 |
| 11 Dai Davies (Swansea) | 26 | 39 | 60 |
| 12 Peter Fox (Stoke) | 19 | 29 | 59 |
| 13 Phil Parkes (West Ham) | 26 | 40 | 58 |
| 14 Peter Shilton (Southampton) | 23 | 37 | 56 |
| 15 Chris Woods (Norwich) | 26 | 45 | 52 |
| 16 Raddy Avramovic (Notts County) | 26 | 47 | 50 |
| 17 Jake Findlay (Luton) | 22 | 48 | 41 |

DIVISION TWO

| | Games | Gls | Mins played per Goal |
|-------------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 Peter Hucker (QPR) | 26 | 22 | 106 |
| 2 John Burridge (Wolves) | 26 | 25 | 94 |
| 3 Mark Wallington (Leicester) | 26 | 28 | 84 |
| 4 John Lukic (Leeds) | 25 | 27 | 83 |
| 5 Bobby Horn (Barnsley) | 18 | 22 | 74 |
| 6 Gerry Peyton (Fulham) | 26 | 32 | 73 |

DIVISION THREE

| | Games | Gls | Mins played per Goal |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 David Felgate (Lincoln) | 25 | 23 | 98 |
| 2 Alan Knight (Portsmouth) | 27 | 30 | 81 |
| 3 Ron Hillyard (Gillingham) | 24 | 28 | 77 |
| 4 Brian Cox (Huddersfield) | 26 | 31 | 75 |
| 5 Phil Kite (Bristol Rvs) | 28 | 34 | 74 |

DIVISION FOUR

| | Games | Gls | Mins played per Goal |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 Barry Siddall (Port Vale) | 20 | 13 | 138 |
| 2 Tony Norman (Hull) | 22 | 16 | 124 |
| 3 Joe Neenan (Scunthorpe) | 27 | 21 | 116 |
| 4 David Brown (Bury) | 28 | 24 | 105 |
| 5 Jimmy Allan (Swindon) | 26 | 24 | 97 |

SCOTTISH PREMIER

| | Games | Gls | Mins played per Goal |
|--------------------------------|-------|-----|----------------------|
| 1 Jim Leighton (Aberdeen) | 21 | 13 | 145 |
| 2 Hamish McAlpine (Dundee Utd) | 22 | 19 | 104 |
| 3 Pat Bonner (Celtic) | 22 | 24 | 82 |
| 4 Jim Stewart (Rangers) | 18 | 22 | 74 |

THE first column after the goalkeeper's name shows the number of League games each one has played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes play between each goal.

For instance, Manchester City's Joe Corrigan had conceded, on average, one goal every 62 minutes after twenty First Division appearances.

Only League matches played up to and including February 6 have been used in the compilation of these table, and goalkeepers must have played 16 or more games for one club to qualify.

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RAY STEWART

WEST HAM and SCOTLAND

FULL NAME: Raymond Stewart.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Stanley, Perthshire, September 7, 1959.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 11ins./12st.
MARRIED: Yes, to Carolyn.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Triumph TR7.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Dundee United.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Tonka'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Damaged knee ligaments before turning pro.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Billy Bonds... a good attitude and commitment while playing and training and also his loyalty to West Ham.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Dundee United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Franz Beckenbauer... class and vision at the highest level.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Simpson, McGrain, Charlton J, Moore, Cooper, Mackay, Charlton R., Brooking, Greaves, Law, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin (USSR), Vogts, Beckenbauer (both West Germany), Krol (Holland), Fchetti (Italy), Gerson (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Brooking (England), Best (N. Ireland), Muller (West Germany), Pele (Brazil).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Villa Park.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Real Madrid's Bernabeu Stadium.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Last minute penalty equaliser against Liverpool in the 1981 League Cup Final.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Ray Houghton's goal for Fulham at Newcastle this season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Nottingham Forest's John Robertson.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1980 FA Cup Final victory over Arsenal.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring the last minute penalty equaliser against Liverpool in the 1981 League Cup Final.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not being included in Scotland's World Cup Finals squad.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, snooker and squash.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Walking, driving and meeting new people.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking and dancing.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Coronation Street.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Party Political Broadcasts.
FAVOURITE READING: Dick Francis thrillers.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: Elton John.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Potatoes and mince.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: France.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Joan Collins.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Great Escape.
BEST FRIEND: I like to think I have a few.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Andy Roxburgh, Jim McLean and John Lyall.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Travelling and injuries.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cornflakes.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Six full Scottish caps, plus schoolboy, youth and Under-21 honours.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful and happy.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win every honour possible.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: To remain in the game.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: West Ham's Tony Cottee.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Princess Diana.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and enjoy your football.



Right: Ray Stewart's favourite pop star Elton John with some of his Watford team.

